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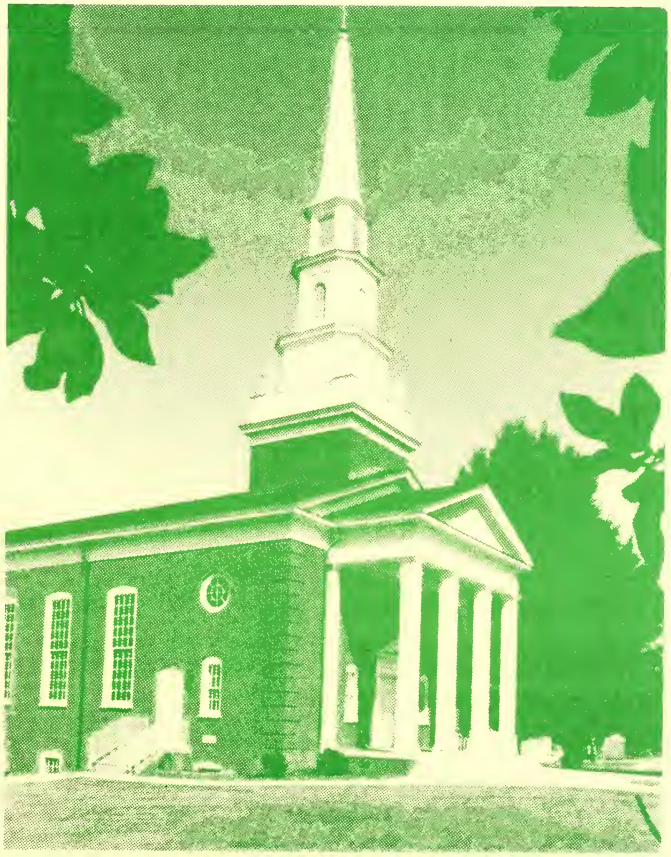

WHEN THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT FOR WORSHIP

January 12th. First Sunday after Epiphany.

Dr. Irvine will be preaching on "Mourning Cloaks and New Life" from Isaiah 61:1-4. Hymns will be "How Firm a Foundation," "Be Still, My Soul," and "The Lord's My Shepherd."

January 17th. Second Sunday after Epiphany.

Rev. Lyon will preach. The lectionary readings for th day are Isaiah 62:1-5, I Corinthians 12:1-11, and John 2:1-11.

January 24th. Third Sunday after Epiphany.

"Words of Power and Grace" will be the title of Dr. Irvine's sermon from Nehemiah 8:1-12 and Luke 4:14-21. Hymns will be "Christ for the World We Sing," "O Word of Go Incarnate," and "Jesus Calls Us ."

February 2nd. Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

This is the beginning of Women's Week in the United Church of Christ and women of our congregation will be leading in worship. The Rev. Dorcas Lohr will be the preacher; more details in a subsequent TORCH.

TORCHGLEAMS

The members of the church staff wish to thank the congregation for their kind gifts and cheerful wishes for happy holidays at Christmas. It is always a privilege to serve here...

The children of the late **Virginia Richardson** have given the church a memorial gift of $2,500 in memory of her, with the request that that plus the other gifts the church has received in her memory be used toward the purchase of chandeliers for the sanctuary. That puts us over halfway toward the cost of completing the project. Together with the cost of installation, each chandelier will be a little upwards of a thousand dollars. If you would like to help finish this project, please let the church office know...

Congratulations to two of our choir members, **John Barbee** and **Lindee LeNoir**, who have become engaged. Lindee is a senior at Elon and comes from Hickory, NC. John is a son of this congregation and a graduate of UNCG. Their wedding will be on July 18th. Score another one for close harmony...

And as if that weren't enough joy in the Barbee family, **Bert Barbee** has also become engaged, to Jane Cameron of Wilmington, NC. Jane is a senior at Appalachian State University. Their wedding date has not yet been set.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

SUNDAY JANUARY 12 AT 12 NOON
IN THE PARISH HOUSE
DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR
TO BENEFIT THE YETS WORKCAMP TO APPALACHIA

JANUARY CALENDAR

5	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
6	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
8	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
9	-	4:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
11	-	1:30 p.m.	Planning Meeting with Dr. McGregor
12	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Spaghetti Lunch sponsored by YETS
		3:30 p.m.	Middle Highs
13	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
15	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
16	-	4:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
19	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:30 p.m.	Search Committee
		6:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting
20	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
22	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
23	-	4:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays

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JANUARY CALENDAR - continued -

26	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:15 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
		4:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
27	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack Meeting at Lodge
29	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
30	-	4:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays

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MIDDLE HIGHS
ROLLERSKATING, SUNDAY JANUARY 12TH
MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 3:30 PM (RETURN BY 5:15)
COST IS $3.75 - BRING A FRIEND

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 - J. C. Dollar
Elizabeth Parker

3 - Dorothy Clem
Janet Mayse

4 - Elizabeth Raker
Betty Reynolds

6 - Hilda Oxford
John Truitt, Jr.

8 - E. W. Brafford

10 - Emily Oxford
Martin Shotzberger

11 - Brian Rose

13 - Verona Danieley

14 - John C. Baxter

15 - Richard Daniel

16 - Shirley Alexander
Bonnie Kirk

20 - Jessie Hook
Eleanore Kittenger
Jennifer Poole

21 - Susan Barbee
J. Mark McAdams

22 - Bert Barbee

24 - Nicole Williamson

25 - Jennifer Timblin

26 - Page Edgerton

28 - Jerry Gammon

29 - Jamie Brown

30 - Leroy Hughes
Clara Noah

31 - Jim Underhill

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

		Greeters	Flowers
Jan.	5	Edith Brannock and Ruth Dunn	Reddish
	12	John and Beth Schmidt	L. Hughes
	19	Florance Smith and Goldie Smith	Cunningham
	26	Bill and Jackie Pendergrass	Huey

Ushers

Jan. 5 Mike Mayse, Earl Parker, John Hemphill, Lohr Dixon, Dee Atkinson, Don Williamson.
12 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Stan Willard, Floyd Rich.
19 Ken Harper, Louis Wilkins, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill.
26 Macon Albertson, Brian Harper, Ryan Harris, Gayland Welborn, Cile Welborn, George Troxler.

Acolytes

Jan. 5 Vega Herold and Sarah Hemphill
12 Meg Wilkins and Chris Causey
19 Drew McLelland and Matt Mayse
26 Chris Harris and Scott Williamson

Child Care During Worship

Jan. 5 Kim Perry and Brian Harper
12 Karen Worst and Amy Rose
19 Maxine Rich and Brian Rose
26 Cile Welborn and Katie Brown

Church Attendance for December

1	-	114	22	-	128
8	-	197	29	-	105
15	-	134			

24 - Christmas Eve Service - 98

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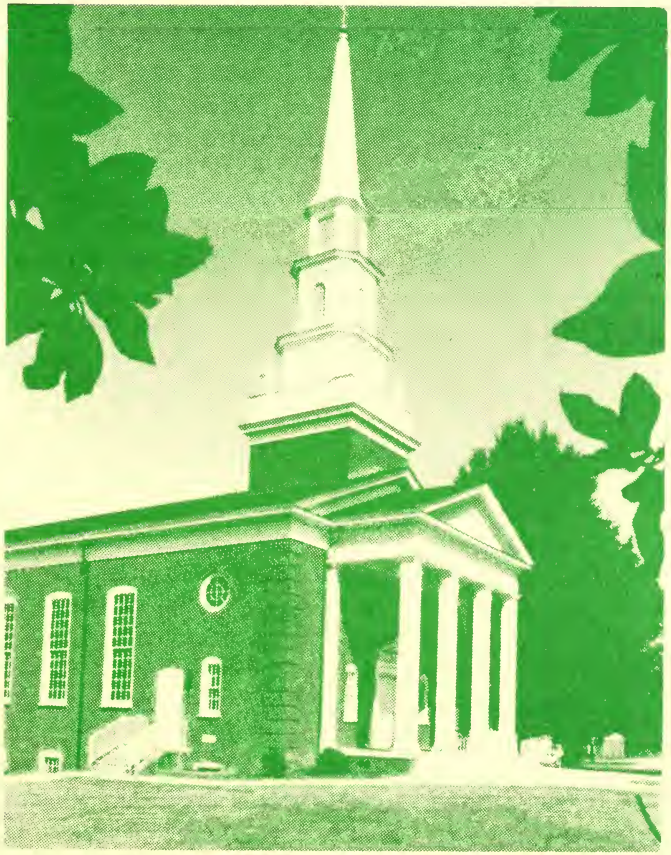

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February 2nd. Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

This is the beginning of Women's Week in the United Church of Christ and women of our congregation will be leading in worship. The Rev. Dr. Dorcas Lohr will be the preacher. Dr. Lohr is the program associate for Christian Social Ministries for the Southern Conference of the UCC as well as a member of our congregation. Before moving to Elon, Dorcas worked as a pastor and as a college chaplain. We look forward to hearing her and other women in our congregation in this special service.

February 9th. Fifth Sunday after Epiphany.

We will celebrate **Boy Scout Sunday** and Dr. Irvine will preach from Isaiah 6:1-8 and Luke 5:1-11. His sermon will be entitled "Off on Life's Errand." Hymns will be "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee," and "Now in the Days of Youth."

February 16th. Sixth Sunday after Epiphany.

"Sorting Out the Confusion" will be the subject of Dr. Irvine's sermon from Jeremiah 17:5-10 and Luke 6:17-26. Hymns will include "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven," "My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff," and "Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st."

February 23rd. Seventh Sunday after Epiphany.

Dr. Irvine's sermon will be entitled "Rewriting the Script." The Scripture passages are Genesis 45:3-11, 15 and Luke 6:27-38. Hymns will be "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy," and "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ."

March 1st. Eighth Sunday in Epiphany.

This will be Dr. Irvine's last Sunday as Senior Pastor and special events are in the process of being planned. The next issue of the TORCH will contain further information concerning these occasions.

A NOTE FROM THE DEACONS TO THE CONGREGATION

On March 1st Dr. Irvine will conduct his last worship service as the senior pastor of our church. We would like for this service to be a celebration of his life's work as a minister and a passage into the joy of his retirement.

This is a significant event in the life of John Irvine and in the life of this congregation. Please plan to participate.

- John Hemphill, Chairman
  Board of Deacons

ON THE MISSION FRONT

In the January issue of the Association for Retarded Citizens of Alamance County Newsletter is an announcemnet of four small grants that the ARC has awarded. One of these is to "Susan Hemphill and her Sunday School Class from Elon Colelge Community Church. They are currently offering some respite care to children in the community. They will use the grant to provide training to the volunteers in their program, in hopes of expanding their services.

The respite care referred to is for autistic children whose parents are given opportunity once a month to take a Friday evening off from the constant demands of caring for their children, and go out for dinner, dancing, a movie, shopping, etc. The Younger Adult Sunday School class has developed this ministry and members come once a month to the church to care for these children. They bring along their own children to help, as they wanted their children to "have a piece of the ministry action" also. They invite other interested persons in the church to join them in providing this care. The next date will be February 14th, from 6 to 9. Let Susan or John Hemphill know if you'd like to come (584-4398).

TORCHGLEAMS

Climaxing a long period of careful construction which began in November 1986, **Jeff and Marie Wilkins** and their children **Meg, Jeff, and Anna** moved from the city of Burlington to their new country home, nine miles north of tthe city, on January 25th. They plan to keep their church membership here. Please change their address in your church directory to 2100 Wilkins Road, Burlington 27217, and their home phone number to 538-0888. Enjoy, friends!...

Our sympathy to **Karl and Joy Washburn.** Karl's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Lillian Byrd, died on January 21st in Greensboro. Her funeral was on January 24th...

Well-wishes to **Chip Pfeiffer** who had knee surgery on January 22nd to repair an injury suffered while playing soccer last autumn. It will take him about a year before he is fully recovered...

A number of people from our congregation were present on the afternoon of Sunday, January 26th, when the Rev. Leila Stennett was installed as pastor of Bethel UCC in Anderson, NC. Another pastoral transition in the northern reaches of Alamance County: the Rev. John Settlemyre of Union Ridge UCC has retired after a ministry of 18 years there, and a reception was given for him by his congregation on Sunday, January 12th. The Rev. Bland Lebrick Jr. has been called as pastor of that church and has accepted, and hopes to begin his work in early March. John Settlemyre is acting as interim pastor but is looking forward to a trip to Florida when February ends...

Junior Bare, who has served for the past 15 years as a Webelos leader and Assistant Cubmaster of our Cub Scout Pack, was awarded the **District Award of Merit** at the Boy Scouts' Alamance District Banquet on Thursday, Jan. 23. The Award of Merit is presented to scouters who have made lasting contributions to the scouting program. Districts are permitted to present one Award of Merit, each year, per 25 scout units (Cub Scout Packs, Scout Troops, and Explorer Posts). Congratulations, Junior!...

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

2	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
3	-	10:30 a.m.	Circle 1
		6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 2
4	-	7:30 p.m.	Circle 3
5	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
6	-	4:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 4
9	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		3:30 p.m.	Inquirer's Class
		4:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		5:00 p.m.	Church Council
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
10	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
12	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
13	-	4:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
14	-	6:30 & 7:30 p.m.	- YETS Valentine Dinner
16	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
17	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR - continued -

19	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
20	-	4:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
23	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
24	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet
26	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
27	-	4:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays

NOTES ON THE INTERIM

I am delighted to let you know that Robin Townsely Arcus will be joining us during the interim period as our youth worker and parish visitor. Many of you know Robin from the summer of 1989, when she did field education here at our church. At that time Robin's work included special attention to the needs of older members. Robin went on to graduate from Duke Divinity School in the spring of 1991. She also married David Arcus, who is organist at Duke Chapel so she has remained in the area and she and her husband live in Durham. Her duties will include working with the YETS group and the middle highs and providing extra visitation to homebound members. Some details remain to be worked out, be we hope to have her with us by the beginning of March.

We are going to be priviledged to hear from a variety of talented guest preachers during the interim. Among those who are scheduled for the first few months of that period are: Dr. Emmett Floyd, Dr. Wally Snyder, Ms. Robin Townsley, and the Rev. Barry Raker. On June 21, Dr. Rollin Russell will be our preacher as we celebrate the 35th aniversary of the UCC.

- Beth Lyon

INQUIRER'S CLASS TO BE HELD

Anyone interested in exploring membership in our congregation is invited to attend an Inquirer's Class on Sunday afternoon, February 9th, at 3:30 in the church Library. We plan to receive new members on the following Sunday morning.

YETS PROGRESS REPORT

Thank you all for your generous support of our January Spaghetti lunch. The group raised $203 toward their trip. Special thanks to Nora and Jim Griswold who helped supply some of the food, including that lucious fresh spinach salad.

Our next event will be something different (see our ad in this TORCH). Please consider dinner at the Villa Valentino on Valentine's day. Bring your valentine who need not be your spouse or even a date but can be anyone who is a special person! Reservations are essential and space is limited, so call soon!

In March we will be having a Work-a-thon. The youth will be accepting pledges per hour of chores to be done around the church. We hope to do some spring cleaning!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 - Monty Causey

3 - Ethel Oakley

4 - Jane Alexander
Minnie Stickles

5 - Phil Edgerton

6 - Mark Rinker

7 - Andy Baxter
Shannon Albertson

9 - Heidi Troxler

10 - Bobbie Scarlata
Karl Washburn

12 - Steve Perry
Barry Oxford

14 - Buddy Boyd
Leigh-Ann Denny

15 - Eugenia Wagoner
Mark Ellis

16 - Howard Loy
Marsh McLelland
Joe Holt
Melissa Pendergrass

17 - Bertie Fields
Andrea Albertson

19 - Ryan Harris

20 - Bertha Phillips
Caroline Powell

21 - Roland Longest
Sarah Sharpe

22 - Carole Troxler

23 - John Pendergrass

24 - D. D. Atkinson
Robert Terrell

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

		Greeters	Flowers
Feb.	2	Warren and Virginia Jeffreys	Covington
	9	Cary and Jackie Matlock	L. Wilkins
	16	Brent and Kay Hensley	Caroline Powell
	23	Stan and Estelle Willard	Lucy Everette

Ushers

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9 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Stan Willard, Tommy Oakley.

16 Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill, Floyd Rich, Karl Washburn.

23 Macon Albertson, Brian Harper, Gayland Welborn, Cile Welborn, George Troxler.

Acolytes

Feb.	2	Heidi Troxler and Elizabeth Mayse
	9	Tara McKenna and Crystal Bradley
	16	Lexa Lohr-Myers and Kim Acquilano
	23	Marie Acquilano and Lydia Troxler

Child Care During Worship

Feb.	2	Marie Wilkins and Jamie Brown
	9	Jimma Causey and Shawn McKenna
	16	Sue Brown and Brian Harper
	23	Ann Acquilano and Amy Rose

Nursery

Feb.	2	Susan Hemphill
	9	Lou Harper
	16	Emily Woody
	23	Chris Causey

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5	-	162	19	-	128
12	-	138	26	-	144

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March 1st. Eighth Sunday in Epiphany. 10:45 a.m.

This will be Dr. Irvine's last Sunday as Senior Pastor. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. Dr. Irvine will preach on "Locating the Glory Days" from Luke 9:21-43. Hymns will include "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," "God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years," and "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." There will be several special events during the service, including a ceremony of farewell, a sacred dance performance, and the singing of an anthem written by Dr. Irvine by our senior choir.

A CELEBRATION OF A MINISTRY

The Deacons of the Church invite all members of the congregation and all friends of Dr. and Mrs. Irvine to participate in Dr. Irvine's final service of worship on March 1, 1992. The service will begin at 10:45 and will include special music, dance, communion, and a "Times of passage" ceremony.

John and Nancy Lu have given nearly seven years of their lives to the Elon College Community Church. The poetry and insight of John's sermons have been a powerful source of inspiration to our community. His and Nancy Lu's service to our congregation and to the community at large will be missed.

Following the worship there will be a covered dish dinner in the Parish House. Please join us in this celebration of service and ministry.

THE MODERATOR'S RELAY

After meeting with our consultant Dr. Bill McGregor on January 11th, your 1992 Church Council is enthusiastically working to establish a broader base for church long-range planning. At our meeting on February 10th, we voted to again utilize the materials and format known as the "Callahan Study" (Twelve Keys to an Effective Church) to identify our hopes, our dreams, and our priorities. Eight Council members will form the nucleus of the new Callahan group, which will meet on Sunday afternoons during Lent at 4 p.m., beginning March 15th and extending for six Sundays.

The 1991 Callahan study group identified four specific objectives for our church which will be implemented immediately. The 1992 group will focus on longer-term objectives and Dr. McGregor will help us coordinate those with the priorities of the 1991 group. The Council voted to invite Dr. McGregor back to our church on the weekend of Homecoming Sunday, July 26th.

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MODERATOR'S RELAY (continued)

The 1992 Callahan Study will be led by Harvey Hook, who will work with a Long-range Planning Steering Committee consisting of Bill Beyer, Al Carpenter, Mona Covington, and Estelle Willard--all members of the 1991 group.

Broad church participation in the 1992 Callahan study will make the end results much more effective than if only our Council members are involved. The Council hopes that many members of the congregation will join us for this Sunday Lented study. Beth Lyon will need to order the necessary materials by February 20th, so please register by then.

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (584-0391) TO JOIN
THE 1992 CALLAHAN STUDY
SUNDAY AFTERNOONS, 4:00--5:30, BEGINNING MARCH 15TH

This is your opportunity to influence the future direction of our church. A church which has been intentional about deciding where it's headed will also be more appealing to a new pastor.

In other business, the Council at its February 9th meeting:

- learned of the Deacons' plans for Dr. Irvine's last Sunday, March 1st;
- approved the hiring of Robin Townsley-Arcus as Parish Associate and the compensation packages for Robin and for Beth Lyon as Interim Minister, as well as budgeted funds for Guest Ministers during the interim;
- approved the appointment of a Constitution Revision Committee to begin consulting with church leaders and considering possible changes;
- heard brief reports from the four Church Boards;
- set the next Council meeting for May 3rd.

- Ellie Ketcham, Moderator

TORCHGLEAMS

Oddity department: two of our parishioners, **Helene Ellis** and **George Shumar**, had the same surgery (knee replacement) on the same morning (February 4th) at the two Burlington hospitals. George's release from the hospital was delayed by a touch of pneumonia; he is at this writing still in Alamance County Hospital. Also hospitalized, since February 8th, at Alamance Memorial Hospital, is **Junior Bare.** Recuperating well after toe surgery on January 28th is **Elizabeth Parker...**

Through a clerical oversight **Susan Rose's** name was not listed as a member of the Board of Missions in the class of 1994 in the Annual Reports. Please add it in your copy of the Annual Reports...

Dr. Irvine's parents, **John and Gertrude Irvine**, are now both happily situated in the Assisted Living facility at Sunnyside retirement center at Harrisonburg, VA. They occupy rooms on the same hall and are able to have two meals a day together as well as visit back and forth freely. They are most appreciative of the well-wishes and prayers for them from their friends in this congregation...

AUTOMOBILE NEEDED

Our "Project Second Step" committee is now working with several people to help them get off the welfare rolls and into a productive work life. One of their hopefuls desires to attend a nursing education class at Alamance Community College and needs transportation to get there and back. Do you have a driveable car (or one requiring minor repair) that you could sell to the Second Step Committee for a nominal sum ($400-$700)? If you can help by providing such a car, or information that would lead to a potential source for such a vehicle, please call Roberta at the church office. Thank you!

- Earl W. Parker

LIBRARY ADDITIONS

We have acquired a new set of books for the children's library that you may wish to share with your children. They are called "problem solving books" and the stories take different turns depending upon the choices made by the children as they read. The titles are "My Name Is Not Dummy," "I Want It," "I Can't Wait," Mommy Don't Go," "I'm Lost," and "I Want to Play."

BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS

Mr. William B. Terrell

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Longest
Mr. and Mrs. William Pendergrass
Mrs. Gladys S. Vickers
Mr. and Mrs. Stan Willard
Family of Mrs. Dora F. Terrell
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Durig,
Nick and Donna Klug
Mrs. Dorothy Clem
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Mrs. Nora Griswold
Mrs. Annabell Powell
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Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lankford

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Purdy
Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Long
Miss Caroline Powell

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Mrs. Audrey P. Shumar

Mrs. Gladys S. Vickers

Mrs. Adelia J. Truitt

Mrs. William Tall Jones
and Children

Mrs. Virginia Richardson

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boyd
Mrs. Dorothy Clem
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edgerton
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Mr. and Mrs. Barry Oxford
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Mr. Wilkes E. Lowe III

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Lois M. Bost, Treasurer
Building Fund

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
14	-	6:30-7:30 p.m.	YETS Valentine Dinner
16	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
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		4:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
24	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet
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WHEN THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT FOR WORSHIP

March 1st. Eighth Sunday in Epiphany. 10:45 a.m.

This will be Dr. Irvine's last Sunday as Senior Pastor. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. Dr. Irvine will preach on "Locating the Glory Days" from Luke 9:21-43. Hymns will include "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," "God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years," and "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." There will be several special events during the service, including a ceremony of farewell, liturgical dance performances, the singing of an anthem written by Dr. Irvine by our senior choir, and another anthem by the Elon College Chamber Singers.

Ash Wednesday March 4th 7:30 pm

Again this year we will join with the college and community to celebrate a tradional service for Ash Wednesday including the imposition of ashes and altar communion. Please join Chaplain Richard McBride and Beth Lyon for what we hope will be a very meaningful service.

March 8th First Sunday of Lent

The Rev. Beth Lyon will be the preacher. Scriptures include Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Romans 10:8b-13, and Luke 4:1-13. Hymns include "O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High" and "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days."

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A CELEBRATION OF A MINISTRY

The Deacons of the Church invite all members of the congregation and all friends of Dr. and Mrs. Irvine to participate in Dr. Irvine's final service of worship on March 1, 1992. The service will begin at 10:45 and will include special music, dance, communion, and a "Times of passage" ceremony of farewell.

John and Nancy Lu have given nearly seven years of their lives to the Elon College Community Church. The poetry and insight of John's sermons have been a powerful source of inspiration to our community. His and Nancy Lu's service to our congregation and to the community at large will be missed.

Following the worship there will be a covered dish dinner in the Parish House. Please join us in this celebration of service and ministry.

SEARCH COMMITTEE IS AT WORK

As Chairman of the Pastoral Search Committee I would like to keep the congregation informed concerning our work. The Committee has had four meetings with all members in attendance for three of the meetings. We have been working on the preparation of the Church Profile and it will be complete soon.

We appreciate your answers to our recent questionnaire. WE received a remarkable return of 120 responses. The results have been tabulated and will be included in the Church Profile.

The next step will be to distribute the Profile to persons who may be interested. If you have any suggestions of persons who may be interested, please give the names and addresses to some member of the Search Committee, and we will be responsible for following up on the suggestions. It would be helpful to us if you would refrain from asking about the progress with regard to any particular person whose name has been given to us.

- Ray Covington, Chairman

The Committee: John Barbee, Shirley Beyer, E. W. Brafford, Susan Brown, Ray Covington, Susan Hemphill, Jeff Wilkins.

TORCHGLEAMS

We welcomed into membership on February 16th Miss **Susan Semonite** by letter of transfer from a sister UCC congregation, the United Church of Bellows Falls, VT. Susan works in the Elon College administration; her work in recruiting students takes her frequently to the northeastern states. Her address is 201-E Trollinger / P.O. Box 775, Elon College (584-7729)...

We welcomed also into Associate Membership **Jim and Candace Leuck** of 512 Spence Road, Gibsonville, NC 27249 (449-4912). Their children are **Natalie**, a fifth grader, and **Glenn**, a kindergardener. Their membership is in Advent United Methodist Church of Simpsonville, SC, a church which they helped start five years ago which today has about 140 members. Jim is a chemist for Burlington Chemical and Candace teaches accounting at UNC-G...Please add these people to your church directories under the proper headings...

A number of our young people were honored with Gold Bar awards at Western High this past week. **Jamie and Katie Brown,** and **Brian Rose** all received this academic honor as did **Hannah Gill** and YETS member **Karen Mankowski. Emily and Matthew Woody** received the award on behalf of their late brother **Rob.** Gold Bars go to those students with an A average for the semester...

THE MODERATOR'S RELAY

After meeting with our consultant Dr. Bill McGregor on January 11th, your 1992 Church Council is enthusiastically working to establish a broader base for church long-range planning. At our meeting on February 10th, we voted to again utilize the materials and format known as the "Callahan Study" (Twelve Keys to an Effective Church) to identify our hopes, our dreams, and our priorities. Eight Council members will form the nucleus of the new Callahan group, which will meet on Sunday afternoons during Lent at 4 p.m., beginning March 15th and extending for six Sundays.

The 1991 Callahan study group identified four specific objectives for our church which will be implemented immediately. The 1992 group will focus on longer-term objectives and Dr. McGregor will help us coordinate those with the priorities of the 1991 group. The Council voted to invite Dr. McGregor back to our church on the weekend of Homecoming Sunday, July 26th.

The 1992 Callahan Study will be led by Harvey Hook, who will work with a Long-range Planning Steering Committee consisting of Bill Beyer, Al Carpenter, Mona Covington, and Estelle Willard--all members of the 1991 group.

Broad church participation in the 1992 Callahan study will make the end results much more effective than if only our Council members are involved. The Council hopes that many members of the congregation will join us for this Sunday Lented study. If you wish to participate and have not already notified a member of the committee, please call the church office. There is still time to order more books.

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (584-0391) TO JOIN
THE 1992 CALLAHAN STUDY
SUNDAY AFTERNOONS, 4:00--5:30, BEGINNING MARCH 15TH

This is your opportunity to influence the future direction of our church. A church which has been intentional about deciding where it's headed will also be more appealing to a new pastor.

- Ellie Ketcham, Moderator

MARCH CALENDAR

1	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:15 a.m.	Pot Luck Dinner in Parish House
		4:00 p.m.	Parents of Middle Highs
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
2	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
3	-	7:00 p.m.	Scout Court of Honor
4	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
5	-	4:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 4
8	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Meeting
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
9	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship General Meeting
11	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
12	-	4:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
15	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
16	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
17	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Missions

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Calendar of Events

CAN YOU HELP?

The Board of Christian Education, together with the Board of Deacons will be putting together a special service for Maundy Thursday this year. They need some lengths of black cloth to drape the altar and possibly the pulpit and lecturn. If you have some material you would be willing to loan us (it will remain intact), please contact Dorcas Lohr or Beth Lyon.

YETS UPDATE

Thank you to those of you who supported our Villa Valentino. I never made it out of the kitchen, but I understand it was real nice! We raised almost $200, which was our goal for the event.

On February 28 and 29, Jamie Brown and Robin Townsley-Arcus will be attending a workshop in Mullins, West Virginia designed for leaders of groups who will be participating in the Appalachia Service Project this summer.

Our next fundraiser will be a Work-a-thon. YETS members will be recruiting sponsors to pledge money per hour of work they complete around the church facilities. Projects may include cleaning window sills and blinds, cleaning out closets, and trimming the hedge and other shrubbery. Suggestions for things you'd like to see tackled are welcome, although the youth probably can't get to everybody's least favorite mess.

Beth

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 - Ashley Oxford
Chris Manning

3 - Martin Rose

4 - John M. Irvine, Sr.

5 - Nathaniel Brett Oliver

6 - Al Carpenter
Don Williamson

8 - Andre' Wilkins

10 - Patsy Oliver

11 - Carol Dollar
Eva McDaniel

14 - Vera Dixon

15 - Lee Anne Blanchard
Lucy Hughes
Jane McLelland
Mary Lynn Redmond
Beverly Beyer
John Max Hemphill III

19 - W. J. Andes
Faye Conally

20 - Evelyn Terrell

21 - Kim Perry
Emmett Floyd

22 - Gerry Oxford

24 - Gertrude Irvine

26 - J. W. Matlock
Kenneth Harper

29 - Travis Loy

30 - Cary Matlock
Nancy Sharpe
Christina Causey

HUGGING

Hugging is healthy: it helps our body's immune system, it keeps you healthier, it cures depression, it reduces stress, it induces sleep, it's invigorating, it's rejuvenating, it has no unpleasant side effects, and hugging is nothing less than a miracle drug.

Hugging is all natural: it is organic, naturally sweet, no pesticides, no preservatives, no artificial ingredients and is 100% wholesome.

Hugging is practically perfect: there are no movable parts, no batteries to wear out, no periodic checkups, low energy consumption, high energy yield, inflation-proof, non-fattening, no monthly payments, no insurance requirements, theft-proof, non-taxable, non-polluting, and, of course, fully returnable.

CROP Walk

Thanks to all who walked this year even though it was such a cool and rainy day and thanks to all who sponsored them. The hungry appreciate all your effort.

There will be a celebration on March 29, 1992 to recognize outstanding walkers and contributors, recognizing Churches who were leaders in the CROP effort and to present checks to several local agencies to fight hunger.

Alamance County CROP Walk has raised a total of $1,000,000 and is now looking for 1 million pennies.

Please start saving your pennies. We plan to collect them once a month during church service beginning March 22, 1992. How many pockets will we have to empty for Alamance County to find 1,000,000 pennies?

Fran Hook, recruiter

MIDDLE HIGH NEWS

On Sunday, March 1 at 4 pm in the Youth Room, parents of middle highs will meet with Heidi Danieley to discuss our continuing Human Sexuality Study. Please make every effort to attend so that you are aware of what your children are learning so that you are better able to talk about it at home.

On Sunday, March 8th meet in the Parish House with Jessica Duman who has planned a games night. We'll also cook up a simple supper. Jessica is a freshman at Elon from Princeton, NJ who sings in our choir. She has volunteered to help out with the youth this semester. We're very pleased to have her help.

On Sunday, March 22 at 4 pm in the Youth Room, the middle highs will meet again with Heidi Danieley to do session 6 of the Human Sexuality Study.

GLEE CLUB CONCERT

The U. S. Naval Academy Glee Club will begin their spring tour with a performance at Burlington's Walter Williams High School at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7th. (Craig Turner, a 1991 WWHS graduate and now a plebe at Annapolis, is a member of the group.) The Glee Club was featured on "Good Morning America" and performed twice on national TV during the recent holidays for President and Mrs. George Bush. Admission is free and you are invited to attend.

GIRL SCOUTS

80th ANNIVERSARY OF GIRL SCOUTING

We live in exciting times, but they are also times of change. Girls growing up at the end of the 20th century are concerned with the environment, political upheavals, economic problems, literacy, and shifting value systems. And they are looking for answers.

Girls need a place especially for girls - where they can enjoy close friendships, expand their horizons, develop a sense of purpose, and explore answers to those all important questions. That place is the Girl Scouts.

For the last 80 years Girl Scouting has offered girls a special place - a place combining eternal values and contemporary insights and a place to develop meaningful relationships with adult leaders.

Currently we have two girl scouting groups who meet at our church, a Brownie Scout group and a Daisy Scout group. Both meet on Monday evenings.

Please join us in saying Happy Birthday Girl Scouts!

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

		Greeters	Flowers
Mar.	1	Mike and Janet Mayse	L. Wilkins
	8	Monty and Jimma Causey	T. Parker
	15	Bill and Carey Andes	Ketcham
	22	Buster and Mary Butler	Williamson
	29	Emmett and Katherine Floyd	C. Matlock

Ushers

Mar.	1	Mike Mayse, Earl Parker, Lohr Dixon, Dee Atkinson, Don Williamson
	8	Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Stan Willard, Tommy Oakley
	15	Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill, Floyd Rich, Karl Washburn.
	22	Macon Albertson, Brian Harper, Gayland Welborn, Cile Welborn, George Troxler.
	29	Ed Simons, Jeff Wilkins, Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, Ryan Harris.

Acolytes

Mar.	1	Vega Herold and Sarah Hemphill
	4	Meg Wilkins and Chris Causey (Ash Wednesday)
	8	Drew McLelland and Matt Mayse
	15	Chris Harris and Scott Williamson
	22	Heidi Troxler and Elizabeth Mayse
	29	Tara McKenna and Crystal Bradley

Child Care During Worship

Mar.	1	Carolyn Messick and Brian Rose
	8	Kim Perry and Brian Harper
	15	Karen Worst and Amy Rose
	22	Maxine Rich and Brian Rose
	29	Cile Welborn and Katie Brown

Nursery

Mar.	1	Marie Wilkins	22	Lydia Troxler
	8	Sarah Hemphill	29	Betty Blanchard
	15	Lou Harper		

Church Attendance for February

2	163	16	172
9	175	23	182

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Thanks,
Gladys, David, Charlotte

One Great Hour of Sharing

On Sunday, March 29, we will join with Christians in many other denominations in receiving our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. The offering we receive supports the work of the United Church Board for World Ministries and the ecumenical Church World Services. Through their efforts, we are there to assist when disaster strikes in the United States and abroad, and to provide long-term sustained development assistance, refugee resettlement, and social service.

We are fortunate that God has given us many blessings. Frequently, we take these for granted. Food, clothing and medication are available to each of us. For what we would spend to go out for lunch after church on Sunday, many people could be fed subsistence meals of rice.

The needs being met through our One Great Hour of Sharing offerings are great. Please give generously so that we can help those in need.

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HOW TO REACH YOUR INTERIM PASTOR

My home number is 919-383-4503. Chances are, if I'm not here in Elon I'm either at home or on the road in between. Please feel free to contact me at home if you need something. If there is a crisis or sudden illness, please do call me.

I intend to be here at work in Elon all day Sunday, most Monday evenings (this is primarily visiting time, however, so I may not be in the office), and on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 to 2. I will also come as needed for Board and Committee meetings.

-----Beth

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This will be a 5 session long-range planning study based on "Twelve Keys to an Effective Church" and led by Harvey Hook. We currently have 18 people committed to this study, and we could always fit in a few more. Broad based participation is the key to our success. If you would like to take part, please contact the church office so that we can secure enough books.

-----Beth Lyon

A THANK-YOU MESSAGE FROM JOHN AND NANCY LU IRVINE

We deeply appreciate the marvelous send-off we experienced on our last day with you, March 1st. From start to finish it was a delight. From the opening of worship with banners flying, to the closing procession of speakers with kind words and lovely gifts after dinner, the marks of careful, inclusive forethought were evident and your love and appreciation for us shone through. We will both equally treasure the lovely water-color of flowers by Jean Simons given to John and the handsome floor lamp that will help light our new home given to Nancy Lu. They will be daily reminders of our years in your midst. The gifts from children and youth and church school classes were also deeply appreciated. We look forward to receiving the videotape of this event and are deeply grateful that John's parents and other relatives will have an opportunity to view the proceedings they were unable to attend. To provide that was a thoughtful touch indeed.

We will probably not be completely moved until early May, though we will be making several trips to Virginia along the way, including one the latter part of this week. Our initial address there will be 188-B Chestnut Ridge Drive, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, and our telephone there will be (703) 432-2335. (We will be off to England and Wales from March 23 to April 6th.) We hope to have an opportunity to say personal goodbyes to those of you we have not yet seen before we finally depart.

Thanks again for calling us to serve you, and for all your love and support across the years. We pray God's rich blessing on the future life of this congregation, and look forward to times of meeting still to come.

TORCHGLEAMS

We were saddened by the death of **Leroy S. Hughes** on Wednesday, March 4th. Please keep in your prayers his wife, **Gladys Owings Hughes**, son David, and daughter Charlotte. A memorial service was held at the church on Friday, March 6th.

George Shumar who is recovering from his knee surgery, wishes to thank all of those who brought the delicious food to his home. He thoroughly enjoyed it.

Matthew Woody received the Arrow of Light award on February 29 at his cub scout pack at Bethel UMC. The Arrow of Light is the highest award in cub scouting. **Jamie Brown** was inducted into the National Honor Society on March 3rd. **Wayne Bunting** has been elected president of the North Carolina Restaurant Association. Congratulations to all three!

Ellie Ketcham's mother, Mary Helm, had surgery this past week in Montclair, NJ. Please pray for her safe recovery.

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HEALING THE HURT - A CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP FOR PERSONS WHO GREW UP IN HURTING FAMILIES
MARCH 27-28, 1992
FINE ARTS BUILDING, ELON COLLEGE

This event is co-sponsored by the chaplain's office at the college and by the Christian Counseling Center. Registration materials are available in the church office and through the chaplain's office at the college.

MARCH CALENDAR

11	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
12	-	4:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
15	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	Callahan Study
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
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		7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
20	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
21	-	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	YETS Workathon
22	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
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		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack Meeting

Programming Options

Personal Meditation
Nature Walks
Seminars
Worship (Sun. a.m.)
Bible Study
Vespers
Shirt Painting Class
Candy Class
Personal Time (for interests, hobbies, sleeping, reading, etc...)
Singing
Campfire (& marshmallows)

Recreation Options

Hiking
Cards
Backgammon
Pictionary/Outburst
Tennis/Volleyball

Other Suggestions:

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THE FIRST ANNUAL MOTHER'S RETREAT

JOHNS RIVER CAMP

John's River Valley Cam

April 3-5, 1992

You are cordially invited to attend the "First Annual Mother's Reteat" at John's River Valley Camp!!

Come relax on a
mountain get-away!

No chores.
No cooking.
No kids.

A time for renewal, relaxation, and recreation.
A time for personal meditation, study and worship.
A time for fellowship, food, and fun!

Cost: $45.00 includes: meals (Fri. supper-Sun. lunch), lodging, programs and activities

Registratrion Deposit: $20.00
(deposit will be refunded if given 2 weeks notice)

Check-in: April 3, 4-6:00 p.m.
Depart: April 5, 12-2:00 p.m.

Registration Form

Name_____

Address_____
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Phone ( )_____
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Church Name_____
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Ages of Your Children_____
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Do you have any special diet restrictions? If so, what are they?
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Please mail registration form and $20.00 deposit(checks payable to JRVC) by March 16, 1992 to:
Rev. C.L. Stumb
John's River Valley Camp
Rt. 1. Box 401
Blowing Rock, N.C. 28605

Registration Form

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Church Name_____
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Do you have any special diet restrictions? If so, what are they?
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Please mail registration form and $20.00 deposit(checks payable to JRVC) by March 16, 1992 to:
Rev. C.L. Stumb
John's River Valley Camp
Rt. 1. Box 401
Blowing Rock, N.C. 28605

Dear Church Members:

Our Search Committee has continued to work. We have completed the Church Profile and met with Rev. Yvonne Beasley, Associate Minister of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ. She will be assisting us by helping to distribute the profile to persons who may be interested in the vacancy at our church. The conference office will continue to guide us and to provide spiritual and moral support to our congregation during the search period.

Rev. Ms. Beasley has already received some profiles from ministers who may be interested and has instructed us about methods to study and evaluate the profiles which we receive.

The names of the candidates will be confidential. Please take note of the progress poster displayed in the narthex of the church. This will keep you informed of the committee's progress. At this time the committee will be considering all potential candidates. We will keep you informed as to the deadline for the receipt of profiles and the general progress of our evaluation of the candidates. It will be considerate of you and helpful to us if you do not ask about the consideration of any particular candidate.

In the meantime, we would like to feel that members of the church are daily remembering the church and the search committee in your prayers. We believe that through our careful and prayerful efforts we will be able to find that person best suited to lead us in the years immediately ahead. Your support and encouraged are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ray Covington

Ray Covington, Chairman, Search Committee

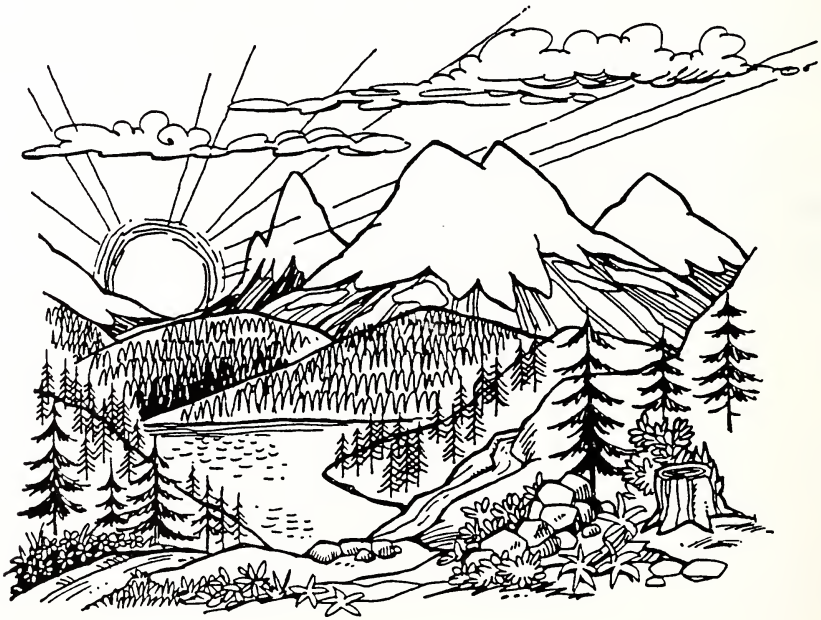
MIDDLE HIGH YOUTH

A reminder for you and your family:

May 1-3 will be our Middle High retreat to Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds. Please put this on your calendar today so we can get a head count of those who can come. (Our deposit needs to reach BRAG by April 1, 1992).

This year's retreat should be packed with fun times and learning opportunities. The retreat will begin Friday evening and last through Sunday lunch, bringing us back into Elon Sunday afternoon.

We welcome you to go and experience Blowing Rock. Parents and others, please think about going along on this adventure. Your participation will be of value to your Youth group. See Robin for details.



The YETS group is working up a sweat to earn their next funds for the Appalachia Service Project in June. On Saturday, March 21 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. YETS will be cleaning out and cleaning up the church. They will be looking for sponsors. Would that be you?

Members of the youth group will be present after church on March 15 to sign you on as their sponsor. Sponsors donate by the hours worked. Your dollars will go toward our goal of $200 this month.

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THANKS TO THE INFORMAL KITCHEN STAFF OF MARCH 1. Thanks to all who had a part in preparing the Parish House for the dinner honoring Dr. and Mrs. John M. Irvine, Jr., upon his retirement; to those who came and brought the abundant food, and to those who got the Parish House ready and cleaned up afterward. The Men's Fellowship, headed by Gayland Welborn, got the tables set up and arranged. Dr. Earl Danieley provided flowers for the tables. Dorcas Lohr for the Women's Fellowship organized the beverage and kitchen patrol; those involved included Eileen McKenna, Susan Barbee, Fran Hook, Ruth Cheek, Vera Dixon, Verona Danieley, and others who pitched in; thanks to handyman Paul Cheek, and to dishwasher par excellence Earl Parker. Persons with missing dishes may check the Parish House kitchen.

Ladies: The Handbell Choir needs more gloves for its practice sessions. If you have some light weight gloves of any size, any color, please bring them to the church office, the top of the piano in the Choral Center, or give them to a member of the Handbell Choir.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE CAMPS FOR 1992

Partners In Creation

For Junior Age Campers

Beginners Camp (JR)
June 28 - July 1

Jr. Age 1 Camp (JR)
June 21 - 27

Jr. Age 2 Camp (JR)
July 12 - 18

Jr. Age 3 Camp (FC)
August 9 - 15

Explorers Camp (JR)
June 28 - July 4

Native American Camp (JR)
August 2 - 8

For Senior High Campers

Work Camp (JR)
June 14 - 20

Youth Camp (FC)
June 21 - 27

Senior High Camp (JR)
July 19 - 25

Sr. High Outpost Camp (JR)
June 21 - 27

For Junior High Campers

Youth Camp (FC)
June 21 - 27

Junior High Camp (JR)
July 26 - Aug. 1

Jr. High Outpost Camp (JR)
July 12 - 18

Recreation Camp (JR)
July 5 - 11

Camps begin Sunday afternoon and end the following Saturday morning (except Beginners).

Johns River Valley Camp (JR) is located near Lenoir in the western North Carolina Mountains.

Franklinton Center (FC) is located just north of Rocky Mount near Enfield.

Registration forms and descriptive brochures are available from your pastor or:

Southern Conference Camps
P.O. Box 658
Graham, NC 27253
(919) 222-8771

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Total Evangelism	1,113.88	1,350.00	120.00	18.
Total Music Programs	10,674.14	11,804.00	800.32	1,064.
TOTAL WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM	13,249.13	14,814.00	920.32	1,213.
Total Program - Christian Ed.	5,867.71	5,805.00	1,845.00	172.
Total Personnel - Christian Ed.	11,761.00	34,230.14	1,587.52	743.
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	17,628.71	40,035.14	3,432.52	916.
Total Building Expense	26,059.36	27,245.00	2,197.50	2,448.
Total Personnel	6,566.65	6,567.00	525.36	521.
Total Operating Expense	2,266.64	2,160.00	144.00	218.
TOTAL CHURCH FACILITIES	34,892.65	35,972.00	2,866.86	3,188.
Total Program	361.53	375.00	0.00	0.
Total Personnel	49,448.69	28,233.59	4,245.64	3,249.
Total Operating Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	49,810.22	28,608.59	4,245.64	3,249.
TOTAL EXPENSE	137,283.47	143,789.73	14,597.24	10,731.
EXCESS/(DEF) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	678.18	(2,574.73)	(3,840.80)	(1,735.

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Dr. William J. Andes and
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Pastors Emeriti

THE TORCH

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WHEN THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT FOR WORSHIP

You have probably noticed some changes in the order of worship on Sunday morning. The order we have been using comes from the new UCC Book of Worship and is one of three options in the book for the order of a service of the Word. The most obvious change is that the offertory now comes after the sermon. In this order we end our service with an act of dedication and renewal. There is more than one way to plan a service of the Word, each has its own strong points. Any questions or concerns may be directed to the interim pastor or members of the Board of Deacons.

April 5th Fifth Sunday in Lent

Our guest preacher this week will be the Rev. Dr. Emmett Floyd. We look forward to hearing from him again. The junior handbell choir will play.

April 12th Palm Sunday **10:45 A.M.**

We will celebrate a special service beginning on the porch outside the sanctuary (weather permitting) for a palm procession, commemorating our Savior's entry into Jerusalem. If it rains we will still gather early, but will meet inside the sanctuary. The service will also include a passion reading and Holy Communion and the junior choir will sing a special anthem.

April 16th Maunday Thursday Supper and planning at 5:30 p.m. (see separate article) and worship at 7:30 p.m.

We will celebrate a Tenebrae service with altar communion on this special evening. Tenebrae is Latin for "shadows" and it involves the gradual extinguishing of lights as the story of Christ's passion, death and burial is told. It concludes in silence.

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WHEN THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT FOR WORSHIP - continued -

April 19th Easter Sunday

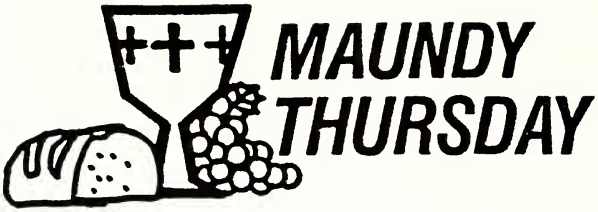
A joyous celebration of our Lord's resurrection will take place. Interim pastor Beth Lyon will be the preacher and the adult handbell choir will play. We will receive new members.

April 26th Second Sunday of Easter **10:30 A.M.**

We will have a special service with a dramatic presentation by a nationally known religious drama group, The Covenant Players. The service will begin half an hour early.

NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED

Inquirer's classes will be held on Sunday, April 5th and Sunday, April 12th at 7:30 pm for all those who are interested in finding out more about Elon College Community Church and what it means to be a member or associate member of the church. All are welcome. New members will be received on Easter Sunday.



MAUNDY THURSDAY PLANS

Please come and join us on Maunday Thursday, April 16th at 5:30 p.m. immediately following Terrific Thursday for a simple supper provided by the YETS group, followed by some special activities. We would like to include many people, including children and youth in the leadership of the Maundy Thursday service. We plan for the children to bake unleavened bread, and help to drape the altar. Readers will be needed. Songs will be learned. Come and bring the whole family for an important opportunity to be part of the story of our faith.

SILENT SATURDAY

On Saturday, April 11th beginning at 10 AM in the sanctuary we will hold our second annual Lenten prayer retreat. We will come together be experience a time of prayer and meditation. Guidance and resources will be provided. We will close with a simple communion. This is an important time for spiritual renewal and preparation for Holy Week. Please join us. You need not register in advance unless you need child care. Beth Lyon would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL CALENDAR

1	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
2	-	4:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:00 p.m.	Meeting of Moderator and Board Chairs
		7:30 p.m.	Circle #4
3	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
4	-	9:00 a.m.	Girl Scout Babysitting Workshop
5	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		4:00 p.m.	Callahan Study
		7:30 p.m.	Inquirer's Class
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
6	-	10:30 a.m.	Circle 1
		6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 2
7	-	7:30 p.m.	Circle 3
8	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		10:00 a.m.	Medicare Partners
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
9	-	4:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
10	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
11	-	10:00 a.m.	Silent Retreat
12	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		4:00 p.m.	Callahan Study
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Inquirer's Class

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APRIL CALENDAR - continued -

13	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts in P.H.
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
14	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Missions
15	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 a.m.	Acoholics Anonymous
16	-	4:30 p.m.	YETS
		5:30 p.m.	Simple Supper provided by YETS
		7:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
19	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
20	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
22	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Acoholics Anonymous
24	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
26	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service - Covenant Players
		12:00 noon	YETS Bake Sale
		4:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
27	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
29	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Acoholics Anonymous
30	-	4:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays

BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS

February 10, 1992 - March 30, 1992

Mr. Leroy S. Hughes

Mr. and Mrs. Cary R. Matlock
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Shomaker
Mr. Henry H. Kimrey
Mr. and Mrs. Warren R. Jeffreys
Anonymous
Mr. and Mrs. Don Beesley
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Harper
Ms. Nancy S. King
Ms. Patsy Ruth Barger
Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Brafford
Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lankford
Mrs. William B. Terrell
Mr. and Mrs. Stan Willard
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Butler, Jr.
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Hi-Tec Equipment Co.
Carolina Biological Supply Co.
Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell III
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Albright, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. James Starr
Circle #1-Women's Fellowship
Marion L. Brown
Mr. and Mrs. K. I. Miller
Mrs. Doris Wilson and Family
Mrs. William L. Adams
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Townsend
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Murray
Mr. and Mrs. Jo Owings and Jo Beth
Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Owings
Mr. and Mrs. Wesley B. Reynolds
Mr. and Mrs. John Schmidt
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Oxford
Mrs. Dorothy Clem
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edgerton
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Longest
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Oakley
Mr. and Mrs. William Pendergrass

Mrs. Cora D. Franks
Adult Sunday School Class
Mr. and Mrs.J. L. Dixon
Mr. and Mrs. Mack Lackey
Mr. Gray Lackey
Miss Melva Foster
Mrs. Sara F. Dodson
Miss Ruth Dunn
Mr. Dewey Holt
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Loy
Mr. and Mrs. John Eddins
Mr. and Mrs. Drew Mayse,
Andrew and Matt
Ms. Mildred Davis
Mrs. Pat Lassiter
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clayton,Jr.
Mrs. L. D. Martin
Mrs. Florance Smith
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Mr. and Mrs. Garland B. Murray
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Bolton

Lois M. Bost, Treasurer
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The Handbell Choirs still need gloves for rehearsal. Gardening gloves will be fine. The gloves which you so generously donated before disappeared and we are having to use the performance gloves for rehearsal. This is a lot of wear and tear on these gloves. If you have any gloves you are no longer using, please bring them to the Choral Center. We thank you for your continued support.

We have had another successful year with the Choral Scholars combining with our own singers in the Senior Choir. Their time is fast coming to an end for this year however. We would like to add to our own singers. If you can carry a tune and enjoy singing, we would love to have you in the choir. Our rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 and last approximately an hour. All that is required of anyone is faithfulness, plus the above two needs. Please don't feel shy. Call Betty Walker at the church, at her home (584-3145 - leave a message on answer maching) or at her work (228-0296). OR - just come on to a rehearsal.

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SECOND CENTURY MEMORIALS given to:

Mr. Leroy S. Hughes

Dr. and Mrs. Earl Danieley
Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Vickers

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 - Doris Brafford

2 - George Troxler
Scott White

3 - Willard White

4 - Lynn Denny

5 - Claire Ruth Welborn

6 - Jimma Causey

8 - Beth Wilkins
Charles Liscum

9 - Kristin Wilkins
Judy Loy
Don Danley

10 - Sheree Pedigo

11 - Sam Shomaker

15 - Fred K. Walter

16 - Mona Atkinson
Susan Barney Hanley

17 - Linda C. Walter
Lexa Lohr-Myers

18 - William G. Long

19 - Robert Kittenger
Williamson Williamson

24 - Joe McLelland

27 - Jim Brown
Shawn McKenna

30 - George Noah
Walstein W. Snyder

YETS UPDATE

Way to go!!
The YETS Group has met their fund raising goals thus far this year. We're closer to our June 21st trip to Wise, Virginia.

On Saturday, March 21 the youth group accomplished the following:

scrubbed the church mini blinds
painted a cabinet in the Children's Library
polished the office and library furniture
straightened the library
cleaned our a sanctuary closet
moved around office furniture.

Thanks to Katie, Jamie, Brian, Amy, Rachel, Beth, and Shannon you too, for showing up after a tough morning taking your GRE Exams! Nora, thank you for providing us a terrific hot dog lunch.

YETS will provide the simple supper on Maundy Thursday. Soup, warm bread, and fresh fruit will be on our menu. Come and participate in this significant service.

On May 2 YETS will be in Graham at "Arts Around the Square". We've secured a place among the vendors to sell copies of Mrs. Clem's book Fairy Stones & Flittermice. If you would like your own personal copy, come visit us in Graham or see one of the youth at church.

April 26th will bring the Covenant Players to our church. YETS would like to top off that special Sunday with a Bake Sale on the lawn after the service. Please consider making a purchase (or donation).

We appreciate all your support!

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THE SCOUT CLOTHES BANK needs donations of outgrown uniforms. Please bring any uniforms you wish to donate to our church office. We appreciate your effort!

The Mission Board would like to call to your attention that BREAD FOR THE WORLD, a nationwide Christian organization is sponsoring a letter writing campaign to members of Congress to try to win increases in funding for three proven government programs to help fight hunger and poverty in the U.S. The programs are: The Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children, (WIC); Headstart, and Job Corps. It is requested that the increase in funding will come from reduced military spending and will include: multi-year increases to WIC and Headstart so that all eligibl children can be served and, double the number of youths served by Job Corps over the decade.

A sample letter is included with the hope that many will be motivated to support these programs by writing to your Senators and Representatives and requesting their help in passing the legislation needed.

SAMPLE LETTER

Your address
Date

Rep. _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Rep. _____:

Please cosponsor Bread for the World's **Every Fifth Child** bill, which increases government support for poor and hungry children.

One in five children in the United States faces hunger. The **Every Fifth Child** legislation* would increase funding for proven, cost-effective government programs to address this crisis. The bill calls upon Congress to:

- Cut military spending by at least $25-$35 billion for fiscal year 1993;
- Revise the 1990 budget agreement to allow the transfer of savings from military spending cuts to domestic programs; and
- Significantly expand WIC, Head Start and Job Corps, beginning with a fiscal year 1993 increase for WIC of $300 million above inflation; for Head Start, $1 billion above current funding; and for Job Corps, a $354 million increase above current funding.

These three programs help hungry children. They are cost effective. Money spent on these programs is returned in savings from medical, educational, welfare and other costs. The end of the Cold War provides an opportunity to responsibly reduce our military spending. By freeing up funds from these reductions we can invest in children and secure our future.

In addition to cosponsoring **Every Fifth Child** legislation, I urge you to incorporate the funding increases and other goals it outlines into the federal budget resolution for fiscal year 1993.

Sincerely,
Your Name

** To find out if legislation has been introduced and to get a bill number, call the BFW Legislative Update Line, 202-269-0494.*

House and Senate Addresses:

Rep. Howard Coble
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Sen. Jesse Helms
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

TORCHGLEAMS

Congratulations to **Wally and Nell Snyder** who are the proud grandparents of Evan Loring Moser born March 29th to their daugher Elia Ann Moser. Evan weighed 7 lb. 8 oz. and is named for Wally's father Loring Snyder.

Please pray for the recovery of **Richard Daniel** who was taken to the VA hospital in Durham with chest pain on Monday. Pray also for Bill Terrell Jr., step-son of **Evelyn Terrell**, who is being treated for leukemia in Houston, Texas.

Congratulations to **Mona Covington** on a new position as Director of Publications and Development at Mayland Community College in Spruce Pine, N.C. In order to take advantage of this new opportunity Mona will have to live in Spruce Pine during the week. We'll miss seeing her quite as often, as will her husband, **Ray**, who says he accepts invitations for home-cooked meals! God bless them both in this new undertaking.

Katie Brown was one of three Western High School Junior Exchangettes who were presented college expense scholarships at a dinner held recently at the Elon College Exchange Club. Katie plans to enter UNC-G in the fall and major in commercial art.

Did you know that choir member **Jane McLelland** played a part recently in the Gallery Players production of The Pajama Game? Nice work, Jane.

Another entry in the proud grandparent department is **Norma Watson** . Her grandson, Christopher McKenna, was inducted into the National Honor Society in Dallas, Texas.

Belated congratulations to **Lee Blanchard** who graduated in December from UNC-G with a major in Childcare Services. Since graduation she has joined her father at Metro Medical. Lee has also announced her engagement to John Long of Greensboro. Best wishes to them both.

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Thank you to **Kevin and Jean Batten** for a donation of books to our children's library. Kevin and Jean are new in our community, having moved here from Germany in January. Keven is teaching ROTC at Elon College.

This church is known for its wonderful cooks and great church potluck suppers. **Sibyl White** is one of them and she was featured recently in the **Times-News** Food Section for her good home cooking.

And last but not least, congratulations and best wishes to **Estelle Willard** as she enters a new stage of life. Estelle retired this past week after 24 years of service at Carolina Biological. She is looking forward to spending more time with her family.

There will be a Girl Scout Babysitting Workshop on Saturday, April 4, 1992 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:15 P.M. upstairs in the C.E. wing of the Church. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Flowers
April 5	George and Venita Edwards	Mr. Dewey Holt
12	Emmett and Katherine Floyd	The Kittenger Fami
19	Bill and Betty Blanchard	The Atkinson Famil
26	Walter and Mary Louise Boyd	Dr. and Mrs. Hurst

Ushers

April 5 Mike Mayse, Earl Parker, Lohr Dixon, Dee Atkinson, Don Williamson

12 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Stan Willard, Tommy Oakley

19 Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill, Floyd Rich, Karl Washburn.

26 Macon Albertson, Brian Harper, Gayland Welborn, Cile Welborn, George Troxler.

Acolytes

April 5 Lexa Lohr-Myers and Kim Acquilano

12 Marie Acquilano and Lydia Troxler

16 Vega Herold and Sarah Hemphill (Maundy Thursday)

19 Meg Wilkins and Chris Causey

26 Drew McLelland and Matt Mayse

Child Care During Worship

April 5 Marie Wilkins and Jamie Brown

12 Jimma Causey and Shawn McKenna

19 Sue Brown and Brian Harper

26 Ann Acquilano and Amy Rose

Nursery

April 5 Shannon Albertson and Elizabeth Lohr-Myers

12 Shannon Albertson and Mary Louise Boyd

19 Shannon Albertson and Heidi Danieley

26 Shannon Albertson and Lou Harper

Church Attendance for March

1	-	250	22	-	158
8	-	128	29	-	165
15	-	162			

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WHEN THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT FOR WORSHIP

April 19th Easter Sunday

A joyous celebration of our Lord's resurrection will take place. Interim pastor Beth Lyon will be the preacher and the adult handbell choir will play. We will receive new members. Hymns will include "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" and "Jesus Christ is Risen Today."

April 26th Second Sunday of Easter **10:30 A.M.**

We will have a special service with a dramatic presentation by a nationally known religious drama group, The Covenant Players. They will present a post-Easter drama entitled "Waves of Decision." The service will begin half an hour early.

HOUSING NEEDED

We will need to provide housing and meals from Friday evening through Sunday for our visiting Covenant Players. There will be one couple and 3 young men. If you can provide a place for some of these folks, please call the office or speak with Beth.

FOR EMERGENCIES

I will be on vacation from April 20th through the 26th. Our Parish Associate, Robin Townsley-Arcus, will be covering for me while I am gone. She can be reached at her home at (919) 683-3013.

HYMNS

Roberta Starr has tabulated all of your favorite hymns and we are using them. You may be interested to hear what the top favorites were:

1. A Mighty Fortress
2. Holy, Holy, Holy
3. Amazing Grace
   Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (tie)
4. Onward Christian Soldiers
5. Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
   The Church's One Foundation
6. Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
   Nearer My God to Thee
   My Faith It is an Oaken Staff
   I Would Be True (Tie)

One hundred and one different hymns were suggested. In May we will ask you for more suggestions. Be thinking about the following: What Advent hymns do you enjoy? Christmas carols? What hymns do you want to sing for Lent? Easter? What are your favorite communion hymns? What is your favorite hymn of praise? What would you want sung at a funeral?

PARKING

When you come to church and park in one of the church lots, be sure you have a parking permit, available in the church office, to display on your dashboard. The college security people are trying to help us keep our lots open for church events. They will tow cars for us which are not supposed to be there. In return, we are allowing faculty to park in our lots on weekdays (although very few actually do so.) We do not, however, want to see our members ticketed or towed! If you should happen to receive a ticket, please bring it to Dr. Danieley who has offered to take care of these. To avoid any misunderstandings, keep a parking permit in you car at all times so you can place in on your dashboard when you park in the church lot.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL!! IT WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR FROM JULY 27 THROUGH THE 31ST. FROM 9 TO 12 FOR CHILDREN AGE 3 UP THROUGH RISING 8TH GRADERS. DON'T MISS IT!

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

There will be a family picnic sponsored by the Board of Christian Education on Sunday, May 24th at 4 p.m. at a location yet to be chosen. Please mark you calendars now and plan to be a part of an enjoyable afternoon of fellowship.

MISSION NEWS

Don't forget that on Sunday, April 26th and on every fourth Sunday of the month thereafter, the children of the church will be collecting from you the pennies we are saving to support CROP, the relief and development arm of Church World Service. In March we collected 3,189 pennies. The goal is to collect one million pennies from Alamance Co. to feed the hungry. That's a lot of pennies and we will need help from everyone.

The church food pantry supply is dwindling. We are always in need of food, especially proteins and breakfast items. Canned meats, peanut butter, blocks of cheese food (such as Velveeta), powdered milk, rice, oatmeal, or cereal are especially needed. We usually have a large supply of canned beans. If you can help, please bring your items to church

"TWELVE KEYS TO AN EFFECTIVE CHURCH:" The Callahan Study

Last year 16 church leaders embarked upon the Callahan long-range planning process. This spring 13 more church leaders have joined them. Meeting together on April 10th, the two groups identified six characteristics or "Keys" to an effective church which we think will be most significant to our church's future.

The Twelve Keys are listed below, with asterisks before the ones we are focusing on.

*Specific Concrete Missional Objectives
*Pastoral and Lay Visitation
*Corporate, Dynamic Worship
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Solid Financial Resources

Dr. Kennan Callahan warns that many congregations ask the wrong first questions: "What are our needs? What are our problems? He stresses that each church needs to find and claim our particular strengths which are gifts from God. We need to focus on WHAT GOD IS CALLING US TO DO.

The first step was making a realistic assessment of ourselves in comparison with other congregations. We found:

a. Our average worship attendance of 150 puts us in the 89th percentile of churches.
b. Our average church school attendance of 50-70 puts us in the 76th percentile.
c. Our church membership of 285 puts us in the 76th percentile.
d. Our church school enrollment of 100-140 puts us in the 79th percentile.

Since all churches above the 66th percentile should be considered large churches, we should think about ourselves as "large". Dr. Callahan says "p→b→d (or perception yields behavior yields

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destiny); many churches act small when they are not small."

The second step was to identify our church's strengths. Both groups ranked our church highest in Corporate Dynamic Worship, Significant Relational Groups, Accessibility, Visibility, and Space and Facilities.

The Twelve Keys will be described individually in succeeding issues of the Torch, beginning in May with Specific Concrete Missional Objectives.

Ellie Ketcham, Moderator

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CHURCH CONSTITUTION

In February, Council authorized the moderator to appoint a committee to review and suggest possible revisions to the Church Constitution. Our Constitution was developed in 1984 and approved in January, 1985.

Marsh McLelland has accepted the chairmanship of that committee. Earl Danidley, Clair Myers, Martin Shotzberger, and Carole Troxler have agreed to serve on the committee as well.

Ellie Ketcham

TORCHGLEAMS

Our sympathy to **D. Marsh McLelland** who lost his good friend Kathleen Johnston this past week. The funeral was on Tuesday, April 14th at St. Mark's church. Please pray for him at this difficult time.

Please pray for the recovery of **Richard Daniel** who is still the VA hospital in Durham. The problems with his heart seem to have been taken care of through several angioplasty procedures, but he faces some additional surgery to correct another problem.

Eugene Lankford spent much of last week in Alamance Memorial Hospital. We're glad to report that he is doing much better and is now at home.

Congratulations to **Brian Rose** who has been offered a Leadership Scholarship to attend Elon College.

YOUTH NEWS

TO ALL YOUTH!

There will be no meetings on Sunday, April 19th.
HAPPY EASTER!

MIDDLE HIGHS!

The next meeting will be Saturday, April 25th at 4 p.m.
Don't forget the retreat May 1-3.

YETS!

Reminder to come to the Parish House by 4:30 p.m. on Maundy Thursday. Plan to stay through clean-up and Maundy Thursday service.

Come to the YETS Bake Sale on Sunday, April 26 at 12 noon.

PLEASE COME TO A
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MEALS-ON-WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

TUESDAY MORNING

MAY 12. 1992

8:30-9:45 A.M.

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APRIL CALENDAR

15	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Budget Committee
		7:30 p.m.	Acoholics Anonymous
16	-	4:30 p.m.	YETS
		5:30 p.m.	Simple Supper provided by YETS
		7:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
19	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
20	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Search Committee
22	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Acoholics Anonymous
23	-	7:00 p.m.	Area Laymen's Fellowship Lakeview UCC
24	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
25	-	4:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
26	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service - Covenant Players
		12:00 noon	YETS Bake Sale
		12:15 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
27	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
28	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Missions
29	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
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		7:30 p.m.	Acoholics Anonymous
30	-	4:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays

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WHEN THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, May 3rd Third Sunday of Easter

The Rev. Barry Raker, a United Methodist minister and associate member of our church will be our guest preacher for this service. Barry, a former parish pastor, is director of United Way of Alamance Co. We are looking forward to having him in our pulpit again. He will be preaching from Revelation 5: 11-14 and John 21: 1-19. An Eastertide service of Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Sunday, May 10th Fourth Sunday of Easter

For Mother's Day we will have a special service led by the youth and children of the church, including a special musical offering by the Young Musicians' Choir.

Sunday, May 17th Fifth Sunday of Easter

Interim Pastor Beth Lyon will be the preacher for this service. Scriptures include Revelation 21: 1-6 and John 13: 31-35.

Sunday, May 24th Sixth Sunday of Easter

Dr. Earl Danieley will be our guest preacher for this service. Dr. Danieley is a former president of Elon College, taught chemistry there for many years and is currently serving them as Director of Development. He is also a fine lay preacher and a long time member of this church. We look forward to having him in the pulpit again.

Sunday, May 31st Seventh Sunday of Easter

Robin Townsley-Arcus, our Parish Associate, will be our guest preacher.

TWELVE KEYS TO AN EFFECTIVE CHURCH - The Callahan Study (part 2)

The Twelve Keys are listed below, with asterisks before the ones that the study groups agreed to focus on. The following article is on Key #1: Specific Concrete Missional Objectives.

*Specific Concrete Missional Objectives
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Solid Financial Resources

People seek out churches "who give themselves away" writes Dr. Kennon L. Callahan, and they "stay away from churches whose only interest is self-interest."

Effective churches seek to help, rather than being helped; to love rather than being loved; to give rather than to get.

But effective churches identify and deliver specific concrete help to only one, two or possible three specific hurts and hopes--not more. While there may be a range of minor missional accomplishments in a given year, a local church should not try to help everybody with everything or it will get a reputation for being fragmented and helping nobody with anything.

How does a church identify specific concrete Missional Objectives?

Dr. Callahan says that God places longings to help in each human heart and strengths in each of us which enable us to be effective. When a small group of people discover similar longings to help with a specific human hurt or hope, concrete missional outreach blossoms. Our longings to help are sometimes the things which we find ourselves restlessly thinking about as we lie awake at night or when we drive alone on a long trip. When 3-5 people discover the same common longings, a missional objective has come into being.

Churches need to "grow concrete objectives up from within", not look "out there" for a societal problem. We need to look inside ourselves, share our longings, find our individual strengths which can be combined for "competent, compassionate, committed and courageous" mission.

The next article will be on Key #2 (see above list).

NOTES FROM THE DEACONS TO THE CONGREGATION:

The Deacons and Rev. Lyon have engaged in an interesting discussion of the concept of corporate, dynamic worship. We feel that good music, good preaching, and the involvement of the congregation in worship has been a strength of Elon College Community Church. Rev. Lyon is committed to maintaining dynamic worship as the center of our church community. With the blessings of the Deacons, she has been experimenting with the order of worship, with music, and with the involvement of children and adults in different aspects of worship. We are pleased and intrigued by some of the different patterns and experiences of recent worship services. We are also curious about how the congregation feels about changes in worship. If you have feelings about the nature and order of worship, the Deacons would be happy to listen to your reactions.

Also, during this time of transition from the retirement of John Irvine to the calling of a new pastor, the Deacons are very committed to fulfilling our responsibilities as "shepherds" for the congregation. If you have needs or concerns that should be addressed by the church community, a member of the Board of Deacons may be the appropriate or most convenient connection between you and the church. The following church members are currently serving on the Board of Deacons: John Hemphill, Shirley Beyer, Cary Matlock, Estelle Willard, Eileen McKenna, Ethel Oakley, Clair Myers, Mary Boyd, Marie Wilkins, Mike Mayes, Stan Willard, and Louis Wilkins.

We invite you to help us build and maintain a Christian community with corporate, dynamic worship at its center.

THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Pastoral Search Committee has continued to meet regularly. We have set June 15 as the deadline for receiving profiles of ministers who may be interested.

We have received a number of impressive profiles. We are pleased and encouraged by the interest which is being shown by prospective ministers.

Your continued interest and support are important to us.

Ray Covington, Chairman

TORCHGLEAMS

Please pray for the recovery of **Richard Daniel** who is still in the VA hospital in Durham. He had surgery on Monday of this week for colon cancer and will be in intensive care for some time. Send him a card care of the VA hospital.

Kevin and Jean Batten and their daughters, **Leigh Ann** and **Abby** joined us on Easter Sunday as associate members. Their membership will remain in their home churches in Burlington, Vermont where Kevin is a member of the Methodist church and Jean of the Congregational Church (UCC). The Battens have lived in Germany for the past four years, although Kevin was in the Persian Gulf a good portion of that time. Kevin is an army major and is stationed here to teach ROTC at Elon College. Jean taught kindergarden for the Dept. of Defense in Germany and is currently home with their daughters. Leigh is in the 6th grade at Western Middle and Abby is in first grade at Elon Elementary. Both girls are involved in the Terrific Thursday progam. Their address is 1615 Majesty Dr. Burlington 27215 and their phone number is 570-9493.

MAY CALENDAR

1	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
1	-	3	Middle High Retreat - Blowing Rock
2			YETS Arts 'Round the Square
3	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		5:00 p.m.	Church Council
4	-	10:30 a.m.	Circle #1
		6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Circle #2
		7:30 p.m.	Search Committee
5	-	7:30 p.m.	Circle #3
6	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
7	-	4:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Circle #4
8	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
10	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
11	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
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13	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		10:30 a.m.	Elon College Baccalaureate Service
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
14	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
15	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

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MAY CALENDAR - continued -

17	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		2:00 p.m.	Personnel Committee
		4:00 p.m.	YETS Mandatory Meeting
18	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
20	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
21	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
24	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	Church Picnic
25	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
26	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Missions
27	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
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31	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	Middle Highs

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Many thanks to all those that participated in the Maundy Thursday service. It was greatly appreciated.

Dorcas Lohr

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 - Wendy Terrell

3 - Earl W. Vickers, Jr.

4 - Nancy Martin
Timothy Marsh McLelland
Carey Andes
Pam Dann
Ashton Oliver

5 - Florance Smith

7 - David Seamster

10 - James L. Dixon

13 - Mark Albertson

14 - Laurie Pendergrass

15 - Susan Rose

16 - Marion Underhill

17 - Mary Butler
Graham Oxford
John Max Hemphill, Jr.
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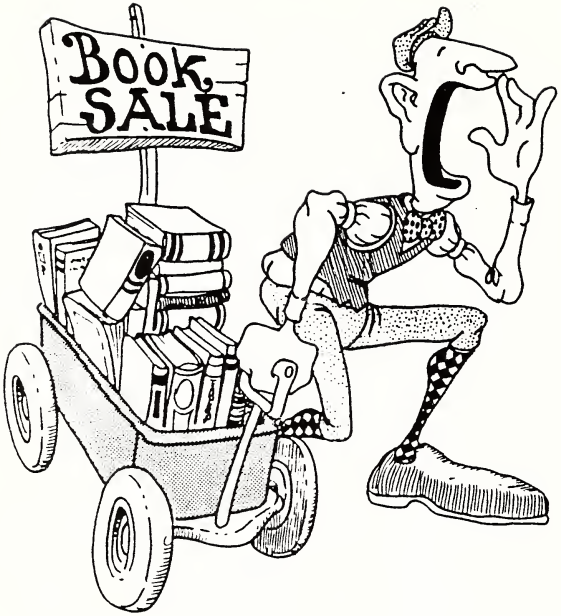

YOUTH NEWS

Come to Arts 'Round the Square in Graham, Saturday, May 2. YETS Youth will be selling copies of Mrs. Clem's children's book: Fairystones & Flittermice. It promises to be a fun day. It's a great gift for those little ones in your world. $7.00. (Also available at the church office, for a limited time).

ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT TORCH WILL BE DUE MONDAY MORNING, MAY 11, 1992.

NOTES FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Reminder to mark your calendars for:
-Vacation Church School to be held 9 to 12, July 27 - 31 for children age 3 up through rising 8th graders.
-Family picnic on Sunday, May 24 at 4 PM, location to be given in the next issue of the Torch.

Our appreciation is expressed to Dorcas Lohr, Beth Lyon, Robin Townsley Arcus and the YETS group, Clair Meyers, all those readers, and to all who attended, for making the Maundy Thursday dinner and the subsequent sanctuary service such a meaningful event.

We are fortunate to have some very interesting curriculum materials for our church school classes- and they are very easy to teach; about May 10, look for a display of these materials in the narthex of the church. Heartfelt thanks are due our teachers in the Church School; the worth of your efforts in this activity is beyond words to describe. Some of our Board members will soon be recruiting teachers to fill vacancies which will develop for the Summer, mostly in our pre-school through middle school classes, and also to fill our roster of teachers for the Fall. If you feel inclined to serve as a teacher, let Sue Brown, Al Carpenter, or Paul Cheek know, or, if you are contacted by one of our recruiters, we hope that you will take advantage of the opportunity to serve in this important capacity.

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING
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	1991 ACTUAL	1992 BUDGET	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE
SOURCES OF INCOME				
Total Pledged Income	121,072.94	125,293.00	25,821.98	27,425.10
Total Special Contributions	7,370.89	6,865.00	1,773.50	1,739.62
Total Loose Offerings	3,552.55	3,500.00	856.00	876.33
Total Interest Earned	864.04	1,097.00	0.00	49.62
Total Fund Raising	908.46	700.00	70.00	492.00
Total Rental Income	3,506.10	3,200.00	643.50	2,500.50
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	686.67	560.00	15.00	31.00
TOTAL REVENUE	137,961.65	141,215.00	29,179.98	33,114.17
EXPENDITURES				
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EXCESS/(DEF) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	678.18	(2,574.73)	(9,393.58)	(1,311.78)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Flowers
May 3	Earl and Verona Danieley	Mrs. Annabelle Powell
10	Tom and Ethel Oakley	Judge Marsh McLelland
17	Bill and Shirley Beyer	Mrs. Ann Reynolds
24	Ann Reynolds and Mary Shaw Cunningham	Mr. Dwight Wall
31	Martin and Edith Shotzberger	Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coving

Ushers

May 3 Mike Mayse, Earl Parker, Lohr Dixon, Dee Atkinson, Don Williamson
10 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Stan Willard, Tommy Oakley
17 Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill, Floyd Rich, Karl Washburn
24 Macon Albertson, Brian Harper, Gayland Welborn, Cile Welborn, George Troxler.
31 Ed Simons, Jeff Wilkins, Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, Ryan Harris.

Acolytes

May 3 Chris Harris and Scott Williamson
10 Heidi Troxler and Elizabeth Mayse
17 Tara McKenna and Crystal Bradley
24 Lexa Lohr-Myers and Kim Acquilano
31 Marie Acquilano and Lydia Troxler

Child Care During Worship

May 3 Carolyn Messick and Brian Rose
10 Kim Perry and Brian Harper
17 Karen Worst and Amy Rose
24 Maxine Rich and Brian Rose
31 Cile Welborn and Katie Brown

Nursery

May 3 Shannon Albertson and Phyllis Young
10 Shannon Albertson and Lou Harper
17 Shannon Albertson and Elizabeth Mayse
24 Shannon Albertson and Meg Wilkins
31 Shannon Albertson and Susan Hemphill

Church Attendance for April

5	-	164	16	-	50	Maundy Thursday
12	-	197	19	-	368	
			26	-	120	

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WHEN THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT FOR WORSHIP

A Note About the Order of Worship

As you may have noticed, the Deacons and the Interim Pastor have been trying out a new order of worship. Recently we have been using the Service of the Word I from the UCC Book of Worship. This order moved toward the offering with its dedication of self for service in the world as its highest moment. As we noted earlier, there are quite a number of orders of service which have meaning and integrity. Many of you missed having the sermon last as was done previously. The Book of Worship also includes such an order of worship which is very similar to the one found in the Pilgrim Hymnal. It is very much a service of the Word, with the liturgy unfolding in light of the scripture reading. We will use it for a period of time. You may give members of the Board of Deacons your thoughts about it.

Sunday, May 17th Fifth Sunday of Easter

Interim Pastor Beth Lyon will be the preacher for this service. Scriptures include Acts 14: 8-18, Revelation 21: 1-6 and John 13: 31-35. Hymns include "Morning Has Broken" and "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee."

Sunday, May 24th Sixth Sunday of Easter

Dr. Earl Danieley will be our guest preacher for this service. Dr. Danieley is a former president of Elon College, taught chemistry there for many years and is currently serving as Director of Planned Giving. The scripture will be John 14: 23-29.

Sunday, May 31st Seventh Sunday of Easter

Robin Townsley-Arcus, our Parish Associate, will be our guest preacher.

SOME THOUGHTS ON LANGUAGE
by Beth Lyon

How would you fill in the following blanks? Would whoever left _____ towel by the pool please claim it? The nurse took my chart with _____. We are all _____ of God. No, this is not another one of my surveys! It's an attempt to get us thinking about something that is called "inclusive language."

Inclusive language means speaking in a way that includes both men and women through the words and images which are used. It also means speaking about God our Creator in a way which makes clear that both male and female imagery may be used for the person of the Trinity we often call "God the Father." Inclusive language is nothing new in this church. In our public worship, Dr. Irvine and I have been using it for years. Many of you have probably not even noticed!

If that is the case, why call attention to it now? I have two reasons. The first is to point out the way in which traditional language limits our thinking. Take as an example the sentence above about the nurse. Wasn't your first reaction to put "her" in the blank? If you happened to be a male nurse, how might you feel about that? I notice the struggle around here as people try to talk about the new pastor the church will be calling. Often this unknown person is spoken of as "he". Sometimes people stop, and catch themselves and say, "he or she." Sometimes this unknown pastor is simply called "the new guy!" By limiting our language to the masculine, are we, at some level, limiting our vision of what the new pastor might be like?

The second reason I have for raising this issue at this particular time has to do with religious tradition and religious language. I recently asked you for some favorite hymns and you responded. Given my concerns about language and the way in which it may limit our thinking, I am at a loss as to what to do with some hymns. Look at the fill in the blanks again. What did you say about "We are all ___ of God?" Children? Sons? What do we do with hymns such as "God Send Us Men," "Rise Up, O Men of God," of "Faith of Our Fathers?" What affect does such language have on the thinking of our children? Research shows that children almost always interpret such phrases literally. The story is told of one little girl, who upon singing "God Send Us Men" whispered to her mother, "Why don't we want God to send women, too?"

Can't we simply solve this by reaffirming that according to the traditional rules of language, the masculine includes both the masculine and the feminine? It's interesting to find out where those rules came from. What follows in an exerpt from "Language, Thought and Social Justice" published by the National Council of Churches:

The "he" rule we all learned in grammar school, "when the gender of the subject of the sentence is unknown, masculine pronous are to be used," has an interesting history. Although most of us accepted this rule as simply a grammatical peculiarity, the story of the rule reveals some curious manipulation in a field which we assume is fairly objective. Linguist Ann Bodine tells us that in 1560, the prescriptive grammarian Wilson declared that the "natural order ought to be observed in language. By this he meant that the "good man of the house should precede the woman, as the better Horse should precede the graye mare." Grammarian Poole in 1646, follows suit by declaring the masculine gender is more worthy than the feminine. The rule became cast in stone in 1850, when an Act of Parliament in England legally replace "he or she" with "he."

Is it grammar, or is it ideology? I'm not sure we can separate the two even if we wish to.

Why use inclusive language? Exclusive language can limit our vision, making it harder for us to picture a male nurse, a female physican or female pastor. Children tend to take our language very literally. If a girl only hears about the sons of God and the brotherhood of man, she isn't likely to think she is included in worship. Finally, while inclusive language seeks to change our manner of speaking for the sake of what we believe about men, women and God, it is important to realize that older manners of speaking are undergirded by a belief system as well.

Where do we go from here? I will continue to speak in my own "inclusive" way about people and God. I also expect that not everyone will speak the way I try to speak. I'm not about to appoint a language monitor for the congregation. I am inviting you to struggle with these issues and what they mean for our worship and our commmon speech.

TO LOVE IS TO DO

By Dorcas Lohr

It's a special Fridan night at the Elon College Community Church. In one room two little boys are screaming with delight as a group of adolescent girls lift them in and out of a big box. Several adults quietly talk in a corner to make sure everything is going smoothly. In a second room more children play, building castles and throwing balls while more adults look on. In a third room, a younger teenager sits quietly snapping his fingers while still more adults sit around and talk. Upstairs some people are watching a videotape.

This is a special Friday night because some of the children are special. Several have Downs syndrone; others are autistic. What videotape people are watching is about appropriate ways to interact with these special children.

The Respite Care Evening began the ways most ministries do - in a small way with just a couple of concerned persons. In this particular case, it was the parents of an autistic child who initiated the ministry. They knew of several other parents with special children who could not find babysitters. Would it be possible for a Sunday School class to babysit a couple of these children so that the parents could have a night out together?

Out of that request a ministry was born. More parents of special children are asking to participate in the program. A small grant from a local agency is providing the educational tools needed to understand and work with these children. Volunteer caregivers throughout the church have expanded the pool of helpers.

Still it is not always easy. There is much to be learned and many questions to be answered. It takes commitment to give up a Friday evening every month. It takes patience to deal with special children. But it is worth it. The tears of a mother who had dropped off her twins will not be quickly forgotten. The Elon College Community Church's Respite Care Ministry had given her and her husband the first opportunity to be out together without their children in a couple of years!

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The article above was printed in the April, 1992 Southern Conference News, and is being reprinted by permission of Dorcas Lohr-Myers. The Hurst Fellowship Class, formerly known as the New Class, is to be commended for seeing a mission and following through with their ideas. Anyone wishing to participate with Respite can contact John and Susan Hemphill or any member of the Hurst Fellowship Class.

- Jimma Causey, Board of Missions

CHIP II PLEDGE

On May 31, 1992, we shall take a special collection towards the pledge made by our church beginning in 1990 to the Children's Home Improvement Program, or better known as CHIP II.

Our church pledged $1,000 per year for 3 consecutive years to CHIP II. We met our offering in 1990 with $1,250 received, and again in 1991 with $1,082 received. We will need to collect at least $668 in 1992 to meet our pledge of $3,000.

I would like to list some of the areas our CHIP II money was used in the past year:

-Winterized cottages -New roofs on cottages
-New floor on gym floor at Snyder Campus in Elon College
-Franics Cottage built at Fred Kennedy Campus in Charlotte for long term care facility for girls
-Expansion of child day-care services (Barringer Center for Child Development)
-Paving of parking facilities at Fred Kennedy Campus in Charlotte

It is certain our CHIP II offering has definitely been put to good use! It is important to note that Elon Homes has not asked for any capital improvement funds from the churches since CHIP II was conducted in the late 1950's.

We hope th meet our CHIP II pledge; but of the $300,000 originally requested of the 300+ churches approached in the Southern Conference, a total pledge of $146,906 was given with $113,112 actually being receive to date. It appears our conference has fallen short of their pledge, and in doing so has not responded to these children's needs. With a capacity of 60 youth to be cared for at the Snyder Campus in Elon, and an additional 37 youth at the Kennedy Campus, it is easy to understand how these funds are needed to meet the changing needs of the Homes' children and staff.

The Elon Homes for Children has been a special interest of our church since its beginning in 1907. Now would be a wonderful time for all of us to express our concern for its continued success by honoring our pledges to the CHIP II program. It should give us all a good feeling knowing that these campuses have been able to operate, while others have had to be closed due to lack of funds.

If we have new members in our church who did not pledge to CHIP II, we want you to feel free to now pledge your dollars in support of the Children's Homes. We ask that you specify on your check or envelope that your money is for the CHIP II program. In this way we can be sure that your dollars will be put to use for the Children's Homes.

-Jimma Causey, Board of Missions

TWELVE KEYS TO AN EFFECTIVE CHURCH - The Callahan Study (part 3)

PASTORAL AND LAY VISITATION

The Twelve Keys are listed below, with asterisks before the ones that the study groups agreed to focus on. The following article is on Key #2: Pastoral and Lay visitation.

*Specific Concrete Missional Objectives
*Pastoral and Lay Visitation
*Corporate, Dynamic Worship
Significant Relational Groups
Strong Leadership Resources
*Streamline Structure and Solid, Participatory Decision-Making
*Several Competent Programs and Activities
Open Accessibility
High Visibility
*Adequate Parking
Adequate Space and Facilities
Solid Financial Resources

Dr. Callahan puts much importance on both pastoral and lay visitation. He says the key to visitation "is to have one foot in the community and one foot in the church." For a church our size, there should be an average of 20 visits per week with members of the church and 20 visits per week with people in the community (unchurched and newcomers) and adequate visitation to hospitals and home-bound people. A good rule for a pastor - spend one hour in pastoral visitation each week for every minute you preach on Sunday morning.

The most effective church visitation programs are those in which the minister takes the lead. He trains the lay leadership to do effective visitation; then, he leads the way with a solid pastoral visitation program of his own.

There is a direct correlation between visitation, missions and church growth. Callahan says it has been his experience that those churches that substantially engage in visitation and missions are precisely those churches that have the best possibility for growth.

The next article will be on Key #3 (see above list).

Dr. Wally Snyder, Chair, Committee
to Facilitate Long Range Planning

The Church Council approved the following Goals on May 3, 1992.

GOALS FOR THE TRANSITIONAL MINISTRY AT ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

To Prepare to Receive a New Pastor, we need to:

I. Stream-line office record keeping by utilizing computer to free the minister for primary responsibilities.

   A. Beth find volunteers to begin data entry on records that don't need to be produced at a specific time...i.e. Get a new church directory printed by computer by 12/31/92.
   B. Assess available church software: Harvey Hook. by 7/92.

II. Make well-considered revisions to Church Constitution.
   A. Ellie Ketcham appoint Constitutional Revision Committee by April 10th.
   B. Committee aim for 1993 annual meeting as date to present recommended revisions to the congregation.

III. Better Communication with Congregation:
Each Board add to the end of its monthly agenda: "What are we going to communicate to the congregation through the Torch or other means."

IV. Carry through effective priorities for visitation.
Beth and the Deacons to work together, utilizing the following priorities: beginning 4/92.
   A. Crisis Visits
   B. Prospective Members
   C. Shut-ins
   D. Members

V. Better understanding of the doctrines of Church and Ministry, specifically the Pastor's relationship to the congregation.
   A. Beth to consult with Rollin Russell, by 5/92 (Beth has already contacted Dr. Russell who is willing to meet with the Church Council for a special teaching session.)
   B. Recommendation to Constitutional Revision Com. for Pastoral Relations Committee.

VI. Personnel policies for vacations, sick leave, jury duty, etc. for all staff. Personnel Committee to develop draft policies by 10/92.

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VII. Move forward in long-range planning. Task Forces to develop objectives by 7/26/92 and Committee to Facilitate Long Range Planning to coordinate planning.

Developed by John Hemphill, Chairman, Deacons
Paul Cheek, Chairman, Christian Education
Jimma Causey, for the Mission Board
Harvey Hook, Chairman, Trustees
Eleanor Ketcham, Moderator
Beth Schmidt, Personnel Committee
Beth Lyon, Interim Minister

on April 2, 1992

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TORCHGLEAMS

Mrs. Pearl Mann, mother of **Nell Snyder**, had surgery this week at Alamance Memorial Hospital. Please pray for her continued recovery.

Our sympathy to **Ralph Oxford** whose brother Seals Oxford died in Florida several weeks ago and to **Emmett and Katherine Floyd** and **Chris and Karen Worst** and their children. Dr. Floyd's brother "Bubba" Floyd died in Atlanta this past weekend. We were saddened also this past week by the death of **Kristin Powell Hoban** in Florida. Please keep her children Andy, Greg, Brian and Tina in your prayers.

Congratulations to **Eugene Lankford** who recently received the Outstanding Citizen Award from the town of Elon College. Mr. Lankford has served the town as mayor, mayor pro-tem, as a member of the town board, as president of the members' association of Magnolia Cemetary, has done community sevice as member of the Pioneers Club and has served as a deacon of this church. We are all delighted to have him honored in this way.

By your prayers or presence

please joyfully join in the service of

Ordination

of

Robin Jean Townsley Arcus

to the Christian Ministry

Sunday, June the seventh

at four o'clock

Pilgrim United Church of Christ

Durham, North Carolina

In lieu of gifts, your prayers of support are requested.

Directions to Pilgrim UCC: Take I-85 North, Take Duke University Exit. Follow several miles to 1st traffic light, turn right (NC 751) Stay on Rt. 751 approx. 6-8 miles. Pilgrim UCC is on the left just past junction 15-501..

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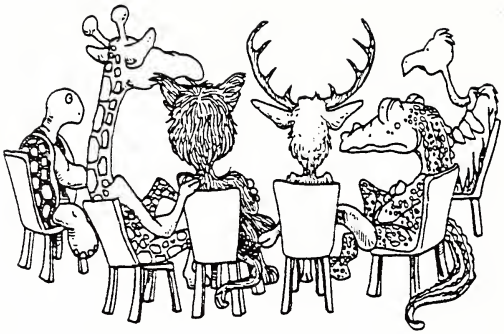

What a terrific Sunday! You all made it a great day.

Our Upcoming Events:

YETS: May 17th. 3-5 p.m. This will be a required meeting. Through games and conversation we will explore our own ideas of various cultural groups.

May 24th - No meeting. Attend Church Picnic.

June 7th - 4-6 p.m. This meeting is also required. Watching videos can be fun. Watching videos can also be ways for us to learn more about ourselves. Bring popcorn, if you like.

Middle Highs: May 24th: No meeting. Attend Church Picnic.

May 31st: Should we take our Jonah play to a Nursing Home?

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The Southern Conference will hold its Annual Meeting at Elon College and our Church June 4,5,6. They have requested that our church furnish 20 dozen cookies for a reception on Friday, June 5. If anyone would be able to help furnish these cookies please call the church office at 584-0391.

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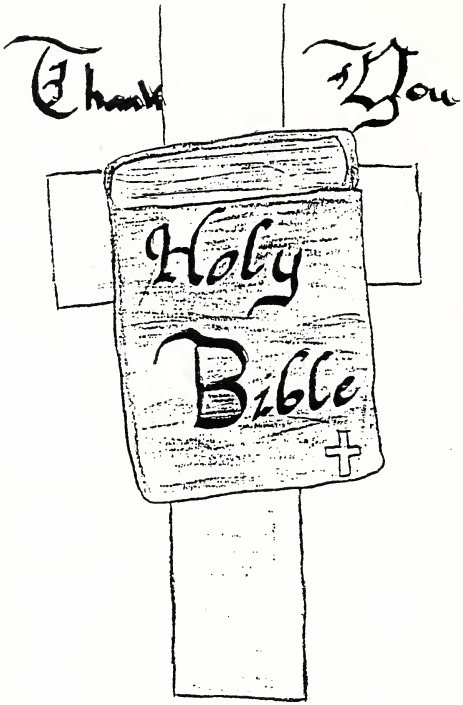
NOTES FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ny thanks to those who have volunteered to serve as teachers in e Church School for the Summer and/or Fall; if you are ntacted by our recruiters, please take advantage of this portunity to work with some fine students of all ages. If you ven't volunteerd already, feel free to get in touch with Sue own, Al Carpenter, or Paul Cheek. Thanks to Sue Brown for the teresting display of Church School curriculum materials that e placed in the church narthex last Sunday.

D MARK YOUR CALENDER for the family picnic Sunday, May 24, 4:30 until about 6:30 PM at the Joe C Davidson Park. (Note the all change in starting time). Bring ready-to-eat picnic food e do not plan to fire up the grill) which we will share with ch other; beverages, cups, napkins, and tableware will be ovided. We will first have organized games for children, this be followed by supper at about 5:30. Following supper we will ve a very brief vesper service. To get to Joe C. Davidson Park om Elon College Community Church, proceed on Williamson Avenue the railroad and Post Office, continue on Williamson for about 1/2 miles to the stoplight at South Church Street (Highway 70); oceed straight across, and about a country block will take you St. Mark's Church; continuing on the same road, go about 1/4 le beyond St. Mark's Church, and see the sign and driveway to e C. Davidson Park on the right; after entering the Park, make ur way to the pavilion, which is located near the tennis urts.

The picnic pack



Dear Members of Elon College
Community Church,

Thank you very much for the beautiful Bible I received on May 10. I shall treasure it always. It will serve as a remembrance of my wonderful church. Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,
Leigh Ann
Batten

MAY CALENDAR

13	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		10:30 a.m.	Elon College Baccalaureate Service
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
14	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
15	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
17	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:15 p.m.	Board of Christian Education - Library
		2:00 p.m.	Personnel Committee
		4:00 p.m.	YETS Mandatory Meeting
18	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
20	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
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		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
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		4:00 p.m.	Middle Highs

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Our work here of building with the rural poor of Mexico continues your recent contribution provides much needed materials for the construction. More importantly, the spirit in which you give it provides strength to our afforts of not just building houses but homes, and helping better the lives of whole families. We thank you for the mothers, fathers and children that your gift has touched you have made a difference in their lives and for this me are sure God will bless you.

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Sunday, July 5th Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Interim pastor, Beth Lyon will be preaching. Scriptures include Luke 10: 1-12. 17-20 and Galatians 6: 7-18.

Sunday, July 12th Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Richard McBride, chaplain at Elon College

Sunday, July 19th Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Our preacher will the Rev. Robin Townsley-Arcus.

Sunday, July 26th Homecoming

Our preacher for this special homecoming service will be Dr. William McGregor.

HOMECOMING

Our annual homecoming celebration will be held on Sunday, July 26th. Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Dr. William McGregor, Associate Conference Minister for the New Jersey Association of the United Church of Christ. Dr. McGregor has been serving our congregation as a consultant for long range planning and has been of great help during this time of transition. He is also a dynamic preacher as anyone who heard him last time he preached here will tell you.

The service will be followed by a potluck dinner served in the Parish House. Members are asked to bring a generous amount of food to feed both themselves and our guests who may be visiting. Please help to spread the word among family and old friends of this joyful occassion.

TWELVE KEYS TO AN EFFECTIVE CHURCH - The Callahan Study (Part 6)

Effective, strong congregations have strong leadership. It is essential that there be a key group of strong leaders, a set of strategic objectives, and a good match between the key leadership and the pastor and staff. The church needs to combine competency of leadership skills with continuity of those leadership skills.

Many churches rotate their leadership too frequently to achieve a strong continuity of competent leaders. In many churches it takes nearly three years to develop a given leadership post. Congregations should have a system which nurtures leaders who have wisdom, judgment, vision, creativity, and compassion as they provide effective leadership.

Effective, successful churches have solid, participatory decision-making processes and a streamlined organizational structure. The decision-making process is solid when the decisions demonstrate wisdom, a sense of priorities, and character. Everyone in the congregation should be encouraged to participate in the central strategic decisions that affect the destiny of the congregation. It is important that a streamlined structure facilitate given committees and groups making decisions assigned to them and to their responsibility and authority. There should be enough committees to develop wise decisions and strong achievements and each committee should have enough members to enable them to make creative decisions and to engage in effective action.

The most effective committee meetings begin on time, have a stated agenda, shared in advance, and end on time. It is helpful if the secretary mails, the next day, a list of the decisions made and who will do what, by when, in relation to each of the decisions. It is important that the persons who are assigned tasks be given the responsibility, authority, and accountability to accomplish them.

The congregations which have strong leadership and a structure which permits solid, participatory, decision making is likely to move forward with confidence and competence in the direction of being an effective, missional church.

-Earl Danieley

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Vacation Church School will be held this year on July 27th through the 31st from 9 AM until noon each day for children age 3 through rising eighth graders. Our theme this year is "Together In Jesus' Name." Plans have been made for lessons, snacks, games, music and more! Teachers have been recruited. The only thing missing at this point are your children! Please sign them up by mailing in this form to the church office, or by phoning in the information to Mrs. Starr at 584-0391. Please do so by July 13th so that we may have enough student materials on hand for your child. Visitors are encouraged, so please sign them up as well.

Child's name Age Grade in Fall

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Address _____

Person to contact _____

Telephone number _____

TORCHGLEAMS

Congratulations to **"Biff" and Doris Brafford** who are the proud grandparents of Patrick Andrew Redmond, born June 27 and weighing 9 lbs. and 5.5 ozs. Patrick is the son of **Mary Lynn Brafford Redmond** of Greensboro.

Congratulations also go to **Martin and Edith Shotzberger** who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 5th. They have a trip planned to Richmond, Va. where they were married.

We're happy to report that **Caroline Powell** is home from Alamance County Hospital and recovery well from a kidney infection.

Ruth Hurst is in the Skilled Nursing facility next to Alamance Memorial Hospital in Rm 240 receiving physical therapy for a broken hip and right arm. Mrs. Hurst should be there for several more weeks. The Hurst's son Jim is visiting his parents from California.

VACATION TIME

Robin Townsley-Arcus will be off for a well deserved vacation following a successful trip with the YETS group to work with Appalachia Service Project in western Virginia. She, Katie, Jamie, and Amy reroofed a house for a family. Robin will be gone from July 1st through the 14th.

I will also be on vacation from July 6th through the 12th (however I should arrive back in Durham on the 11th. **In the event of an emergency from July 6th through the 10th, please contact Rev. Barry Raker at 449-6393 (hm) or 226-2488 (wk).**

Beth Lyon

JULY CALENDAR

1	-	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
3	-		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
		7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
5	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
8	-	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
10	-	7:00 p.m.	Special Fridays
		7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
12	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
14	-	7:30 p.m.	Long Range Planning Committee
15	-	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
16	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
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22	-	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
23	-	7:00 p.m.	Burlington Area Men's Fellowship Haw River
25	-		Church Council and Callahan Study Group meets with Bill McGregor
		5:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Scavanger Hunt

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JULY CALENDAR - continued -

26 -		HOMECOMING SUNDAY
	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Pennies for CROP)
	12:00 noon	Lunch in the Parish House
27 - 31		VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon
29 -	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
31 -	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

3 - Frances Longest
Dewey Holt

4 - Jeff Wilkins III
Kim Shomaker

6 - Mark Danieley
Kelly Worst

7 - Jeff Wilkins

8 - Josie Huey

9 - Tom Edgerton
Earl Parker
Willy Herold

10 - Charlotte Bolton

11 - Lou Harper

13 - Scott Dollar
Christy Rich

15 - Susan Hemphill

17 - Bill Barbee

20 - Sue Brown

21 - Winifred Barney
Reuben Seamster
Betty Walker

22 - Irma Seamster

24 - Fred Holt
Wayne Bunting

25 - Jackie Pendergrass

28 - J. Earl Danieley
Cindy Rinker Lamond

29 - David Young
Kala Vickers

30 - Lorene Lyon
Elizabeth Lohr-Myers

WE MET OUR CHIP II PLEDGE ! ! !

I just wanted each of you in our congregation to know just how great the offering was on May 31st for CHIP II! We met our CHIP II pledge of $3,000, and even went over!!!

Our totals for the three years as of June 22, 1992 were:

1990	$1,250.00
1991	1,082.00
1992	968.65
	$3,300.65

All of us should feel proud that we not only met our goal, but passed it by $300.65. It shows a positive commitment by our church in succeeding our goal for the CHIP II fund.

On behalf of the Board of Missions, and also for the Homes' programs, we would like to thank all of you that contributed, and hope that you will remember them and their worthwhile projects in the future.

- Jimma Causey
  Board of Missions

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MISSION NEWS

A basket has been placed in the narthex so that members of the congregation can bring foods for the church food pantry. Each month there will be a suggested food or foods to bring. This month canned meat is the designated food.

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP IS SPONSORING A LEMONADE BOOTH (BESIDE THE DEPOT) AT THE

Downhome-Downtown, '92

July 4th Festival

Saturday, July 4th, 1992

Downtown Burlington

PARADE 11:00 A.M.

CAR SHOW

Antiques, Classics, latemodels, Cars & Trucks
Modified or Original

Fun Festival for the Whole Family
8:00 a.m. to Fireworks at Night!

Come spend the day with us and
BUY OUR ICE-COLD LEMONADE!

VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE 1 HR. SHIFT. Call G. Welborn 584-2854

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Flowers
July 5	Mark and Heidi Danieley	Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Snyd
12	Ed and Jean Simons	Dr. and Mrs. Jeff Wilki
19	Kenneth and Lou Harper	Mrs. Lois Luke
26	James and Lorene Lyon	Mr. and Mrs. Tom Oakley

Ushers

July 5 Mike Mayse, Earl Parker, Lohr Dixon, Dee Atkinson, Don Williamso
12 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Stan Willard, Tommy Oakley.
19 Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill, Floyd Rich, Karl Washbu
26 Macon Albertson, Brian Harper, Gayland Welborn, Cile Welborn, George Troxler.

Acolytes

July 5 Heidi Troxler and Elizabeth Mayse
12 Tara McKenna and Leigh Ann Batten
19 Lexa Lohr-Myers and Kim Acquilano
26 Marie Acquilano and Lydia Troxler

Child Care During Worship

July 5 Carolyn Messick and Katie Brown
12 Karen Worst and Amy Rose
19 Sue Brown and Brian Harper
26 Kim Perry and Jamie Brown

Nursery

July 5 Shannon Albertson and Elizabeth Lohr-Myers
12 Shannon Albertson and Verona Danieley
19 Shannon Albertson and Lou Harper
26 Shannon Albertson and Karen Worst

Church Attendance for June

7	-	118	21	-	129
14	-	125	28	-	114

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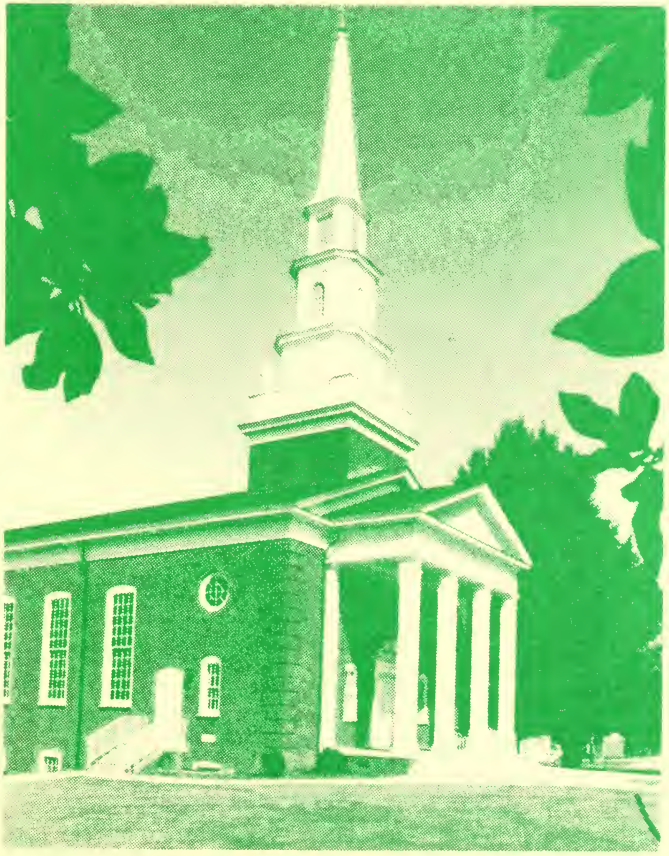

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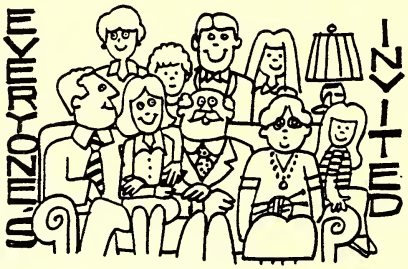
WHEN THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, July 19th Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Our preacher will the Rev. Robin Townsley-Arcus. We welcome her back from her workcamp trip and her vacation. Scriptures include Luke 10: 38-42.



Sunday, July 26th Homecoming

Our annual homecoming celebration will be held on Sunday, July 26th. Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Dr. William McGregor, Associate Conference Minister for the New Jersey Association of the United Church of Christ. Dr. McGregor has been serving our congregation as a consultant for long range planning and has been of great help during this time of transition. He is also a dynamic preacher as anyone who heard him last time he preached here will tell you!

The service will be followed by a potluck dinner served in the Parish House. If the weather permits, we will also set up some tables on the grounds under the oaks. Members are asked to bring a generous amount of food to feed both themselves and our guests who may be visiting. After dinner we will have a hymn sing, led by Betty Walker. Please help to spread the word among family and old friends of this joyful occassion.

Several Competent Programs and Activities -
Twelve Keys to an Effective Church, Callahan, Chapter 7

Programs And People

"People win people. Programs do not reach people, people reach people."

Programs and the Community

Standards and Criteria

Programs should be compared with community standards, not just other churches' programs. Being religious is not enough; it must also be good!

Community-wide Competence

The goal of each program is to be the acknowledged best program of its kind in the community. However excellence in one or two or three program must not be at the expense of excellence in other areas. Particularly worship must not suffer.

Multi-dimension Programs

Programs that attract multiple age groups are desirable.

Programs and Leaders

Leadership should have both functional and relational skills. Functional refers to how well the leader(s) can administer the program. Relational refers to people skills.

Program and Mission

Be concerned about the potential for a program to reinforce a major mission objective, but do not insist on it.

The Power of Programs

Spillover

An excellent program

... tends to raise the quality level of other programs in the church.

... fosters the expectation that other programs will be equally good.

Four to Five Years

Allow for four to five years to develop a new program. Take your time and do it right. Make the long-term commitment at the start.

Programs and Merry-go-rounds

Avoid the program merry-go-round. Often programs and activities tend to busy-ness instead of business (mission). Seek mission opportunities rather than spend effort on cranking the machinery. (Although turning the crank may be very comforting.)

Programs and Hope

The hope for churches is to focus on people, not programs. "The key to program development and program coordination is to work smarter, not harder - that is to do a few things well." The purpose of a program is *people*, not program. "An effective congregation is one that has one or two or three such programs so well in place that *people* are helped and hope is shared."

Harvey Hook

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

The Search Committee received approximately 50 profiles of potential pastoral candidates. All of the members of the Committee reviewed all of the profiles. We chose about 8 of those for further consideration.

We asked those persons on the "short list" to send either video or aud tapes and we received, listened to, and discussed tapes from 7 persons.

We asked two experienced persons, including our Association Minister Yvonne Beazley, to give us guidance and instruction on how to conduct interviews. After that, we conducted a mock interview. The Rev. Bob Barrows, Pastor of the First Christian Church in Burlington, assisted us b agreeing to be interviewed. He was very helpful to us and we appreciate h assistance.

We are now beginning the interview process. In the case of some of th top candidates who live at a considerable distance from us, we will do a preliminary interview by conference telephone. Then, we will be interviewing 3 or 4 of the top candidates in person as we continue to work through the steps in deciding whom we should recommend to the congregation as our new minister. We appreciate your continued interest and covet your prayerful support.

Ray Covington

Ray Covington, Chairman
The Search Committee

CHANDELIERS

The beautiful new chandeliers are being installed this week with help from Harvey Hook and Bill Beyer. They were given to the glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Virginia Richardson, Mr. Leroy Hughes, Mr. Kenneth Hughes, Mr. Numa Franks, Sr. and through an initial gift from Ray Covington. They will be dedicated on Homecoming Sunday.

A THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED FROM KATIE BROWN:

Dear Friends,

I wanted to thank you for my graduation gift What About God Now That You're Off to College? It will be very helpful next year as I face new and exciting challenges in my first year "away from home." Thank you also for all of your love and support as I have grown up in the church. I'm sure I'll be a little homesick, but I look forward to weekends and holidays when I can see everyone and keep you up-to-date on my new adventures.

Thank you again.

Love always,

Katie Brown

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Vacation Church School will be held this year on July 27th through the 31st from 9 AM until noon each day for children age 3 through rising eighth graders. Our theme this year is "Together In Jesus' Name." Plans have been made for lessons, snacks, games, music and more! Teachers have been recruited. The only thing missing at this point are your children! Please sign them up by mailing in this form to the church office, or by phoning in the information to Mrs. Starr at 584-0391. Please do so by July 13th so that we may have enough student materials on hand for your child. Visitors are encouraged, so please sign them up as well.

Child's name Age Grade in Fall

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Address _____

Person to contact _____

Telephone number _____

TORCHGLEAMS

Congratulations to **Verona and Earl Danieley** who are the proud grandparents of Michael Joseph Shutt, born July 2, 1992 and weighing 10 lbs. and 12 ozs. Michael is the third son of Jane and Mark Shutt of Charlotte.

We're happy to report that **Carolyn Messick** will return to Elon College on August 10th as Assistant Director of Publications.

Please keep in your prayers **Jim Griswold** who is undergoing physical therapy following a small stroke, **Ken Harper** who is recuperating from cataract surgery, and **Ruth Hurst** who is in the Skilled Nursing facility receiving physical therapy for a broken hip and right arm.

YOUTH NOTES

We were happy to welcome our YETS group back safe and sound from their trip to Virginia where they reroofed a home and concluded with a visit to the Barter Theater to see a Shakespearian play. Mark your calendars for August 8th for an ice cream social to see picture and hear all about it.

Jamie Brown and **Shawn McKenna** went to the National Youth Event in Beloit, Wisconsin this past week as part of a group of 25 from the Southern Conference. Workshops Jamie and Shawn attended included: Native Americans in U.S. history led by a Native American pastor, planning for the future (careers), stress management, peer pressure, and reproductive issues. Jamie says she was sorry to miss the workshop on the Bible in an hour! The event also included arts activities. Shawn learned about Native American dance, lei making and hula dancing, bread making and leather work. The event was attended by 1100 people.

A group of our young people travel to Franklinton Center this week to a workcamp which follows the National Youth Event and includes delegates from Germany and Puerto Rico. **Katie and Jamie Brown** and **David Harper** are attending the event led by **Dorcas Lohr.**

JULY CALENDAR

15	-	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
16	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
17	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
19	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
21	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Missions
22	-	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
23	-	7:00 p.m.	Burlington Area Men's Fellowship Haw River
25	-		Church Council and Callahan Study Group meets with Bill McGregor
		5:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Scavanger Hunt
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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING
Jun 30 1992

	1991 ACTUAL	1992 BUDGET	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE
SOURCES OF INCOME				
Total Pledged Income	121,072.94	125,293.00	58,916.71	55,738.60
Total Special Contributions	7,370.89	6,865.00	3,204.00	3,470.64
Total Loose Offerings	3,552.55	3,500.00	1,726.00	2,188.11
Total Interest Earned	864.04	1,097.00	548.50	264.68
Total Fund Raising	908.46	700.00	280.00	0.00
Total Rental Income	3,506.10	3,200.00	1,160.00	3,068.50
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	686.67	560.00	280.00	1,772.55
TOTAL REVENUE	137,961.65	141,215.00	66,115.21	66,503.08
EXPENDITURES				
Total Local Mission	5,913.22	6,975.00	3,261.00	3,175.36
Total UCC Ministries	13,641.81	14,935.00	7,649.20	4,050.00
Total World Ministries	2,082.73	2,350.00	2,075.00	918.00
Total Other Mission Expense	65.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	21,702.76	24,360.00	12,985.20	8,143.36
Total Worship Services	1,461.11	1,660.00	620.00	1,345.77
Total Evangelism	1,113.88	1,350.00	620.00	238.91
Total Music Programs	10,674.14	11,804.00	5,832.00	5,643.30
TOTAL WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM	13,249.13	14,814.00	7,072.00	7,227.98
Total Program - Christian Ed.	5,867.71	5,805.00	3,437.50	2,548.27
Total Personnel - Christian Ed.	11,761.00	34,230.14	15,335.41	15,228.82
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	17,628.71	40,035.14	18,772.91	17,777.09
Total Building Expense	26,059.36	27,245.00	13,926.00	12,529.25
Total Personnel	6,566.65	6,567.00	3,283.50	2,487.39
Total Operating Expense	2,266.64	2,160.00	930.00	1,047.29
TOTAL CHURCH FACILITIES	34,892.65	35,972.00	18,139.50	16,063.93
Total Program	361.53	375.00	187.50	351.57
Total Personnel	49,448.69	28,233.59	21,656.17	18,570.13
Total Operating Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.48
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	49,810.22	28,608.59	21,843.67	18,969.18
TOTAL EXPENSE	137,283.47	143,789.73	78,813.29	68,181.54
EXCESS/(DEF) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	678.18	(2,574.73)	(12,698.08)	(1,678.46

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WHEN THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, August 16th Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

This will be our annual Football Sunday. Members of the Elon College football team and their coaching staff will be visiting with us. The preacher will be the Rev. Wesley McLaughlin, pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Petersburg, Va. Rev. McLaughlin is a graduate of Elon College, a former member of the football team and a member of the Elon College Hall of Fame.

Sunday, August 23rd, Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

We welcome the return to our pulpit of Dr. Emmett Floyd, retired Conference Minister for the Southeast Conference of the UCC and a member of the congregation.

Sunday, August 30th, Twelth Sunday After Pentecost

Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Raymond Hargrove, Associate Conference Minister for Black Church Development for the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ.

WHY LONG-RANGE PLANNING.....NOW?

In the past eight issues of the Torch--that's four months--readers have been subjected to a mini "Callahan Course" on the subject "Twelve Keys to an Effective Church". The word "subjected" implies that this mini-course may not have been what you've wanted to read!

You may have wondered "Why Long-Range Planning now, when in a few more months we'll have a new minister to plan for us?"

Our Answer: We are strongly advised that our chosen ministerial candidate will be seeking a church which has a sense of direction about God's mission for its people. We need to show now that we are making progress in that mission.

Dr. William McGregor preached to us on July 26th about carrying the baton passed to us from our ancestors, taking risks, not being afraid to fail. He met for a total of eight hours with the Search Committee, the Church Council, the Chairman of the Constitutional Revision Committee and our Interim Pastor during the weekend he was here. He is helping us develop a written long-range plan, focusing on five specific "keys" which have emerged from the Callahan Study and discussion in Church Boards.

Callahan's process is unique because he urges churches to BUILD ON OUR STRENGTHS: we have identified strengths during this study. He urges us to WALK BEFORE WE RUN. Dr. McGregor adds, "Pick a battle big enough to matter, small enough to win."

Today and early next month, the final Callahan "Keys to an Effective Church" will be described in the Torch, and then we will make a booklet about all the 12 keys". Next month, the Committee to Facilitate Long Range Planning, chaired by Wally Snyder, will be presenting carefully thought-out Objectives and Action Plans to the Church Council for approval in October.

--Eleanor Ketcham
Moderator

CALLAHAN'S Twelve Keys to an Effective Church
Key 10 - Adequate Parking, Land & Landscaping
Key 11 - Adequate Space & Facilities

Key 10: Adequate parking is a decisive factor for a church. The more available parking the stronger the participation. There are two types of parking: on-street and off-street. Callahan says that for parking to be considered effective it must be within one short block. Only 50 to 60% of the on-street parking should be considered usable. Off-street parking should include not only on site parking but also available parking in lots used by banks and other businesses. Callahan suggest that having twenty percent of the available parking empty encourages people to visit a church. The size of the land around a church significantly influences the number of buildings, the amount of parking and the amount of landscaping. The shape of the land should be square or rectangular. Landscaping contributes greatly to a sense of welcome and invitation and a sprirt of openness. Every effort should be made to keep as much of the land green as possible. If additional parking is needed on Sunday, there is nothing wrong with using some of the grass area once a week.

Key 11: Callahan offers an indepth description of how to evaluate a church's space and facilities. He concludes by saying that space and facilities are comparable to the house in which a family lives. A house does not make a home; people do. The quality of mission and life together as a congregation determine the extent the space and facilities are "home" or simply a house.

Bill Beyer

CHURCH SCHOOL RALLY DAY

On Sunday, September 13 at 9:30 AM we will hold a Rally Day for the Church School. If you haven't been to church school before or just haven't been coming for awhile, this is a good time to get involved. We will gather for muffins, juice and coffee before church school classes begin. Those children and youth who will be graduating into another class will be promoted. Teachers will be introduced and dedicated during worship at 11:00 AM. Teachers for the children and youth's classes will be: Preschool - Katherine Floyd and Lisa Naatjes, Primary - Ray Turner and Eva Breidenthal, Junior - Ellie Ketcham and Marie Wilkins, Youth - John Hemphill and Eileen McKenna. These classes use materials from the **Witness** series from Augsburg Press, which focuses on teaching children about the Bible and its application in a faithful life. More information on adult classes will follow in the next Torch.

NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED

Preliminary plans are being made for a series of classes to be held in early fall for inquirers - those who wish to find out more about the church or who are interested in becoming church members. Topics will include: "The United Church of Christ, Who Are We?", "Finding a Home in this Congregation," and "Personal Journeys of Faith." If you would be interested in attending, please speak with Rev. Lyon, who will be conducting the classes. They will be held on Sundays, but the time will be announced at a later time.

CROP WALK

The 1992 Alamance County CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 11 at 2:00 p.m. This CROP Walk should be especially exciting because for the first time ever, all the local walks in our area will be held on the same day.

Last year we only had 11 walkers., 11 volunteers out of 284 members. Now I'm sure we can do better than that. We need all the young people and whole families to walk this year. It's a great wan to get exercise and a great way to give quality time and money to those who desperately need it within our own community. So come on Elon College Community Church get up and get out there and walk for CROP this year.

I'll have sign up sheets and materials available to those of you who are interested sometime in early September.

Yours in Christ,

Cile Welborn

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THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON SEPTEMBER 1

AT 7:30 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE ONGOING WORK OF TASK FORCES.

)RCHGLEAMS

ır sympathy goes out to **Betty Walker** whose father, C. H. .ller, died on Monday, August 3rd after a long illness, and) **Bertha Phillips** whose son-in-law's mother died ıexpectedly last week.

.ease continue to keep in your prayers **Elna Huey** who is out f intensive care but still in Alamance County Hospital as f this writing. She hopes to come home soon. **Kathleen and ıgene Lankford** have had a difficult time lately. Mrs. ankford fell and broke her arm the first of August. She ıd been the family chauffeur since her husband's been ill ıtely. **Ken Harper** is recuperating more slowly than he had ›ped from cateract surgery. Please pray for his full ›covery. Remember also Nancy Welborn, mother of **Gayland ›lborn**, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

›**ris Brafford** is home from Moses Cone Hospital but is still ıfferring from an unexplained fever. Please keep her in ›ur prayers, as well as **Eva Daniel** who is recuperating from ırgery on her hand and **Earl Vickers** who had knee surgey at ıke recently and is recovering at home. **Ruth Hurst** remains patient at the Skilled Nursing Facitilty next to Alamance ›morial, undergoing physical therapy for her broken arm and ıp.

.ere is some good news! **John and Lindee Barbee** are settled . their new apartment in Asheville. Both are fast becoming ›volved with the youth of Biltmore United Methodist Church ›ere Lindee is employed as the Youth Director. John is ›gaged in job hunting and hopes to be settled in something ›on. Our prayers for a happy life in their new home go ›th them.

YOUTH NEWS

ALL YOUTH:

CARROWINDS TRIP:

Last chance before school starts.
Join us:

Tuesday, August 18, 1992
9:00 a.m. Gather at church lot to leave.
8:30 p.m. Approx. return to church.
Admission is $21.95 and food, expenses.

To go you MUST reserve your place in the van. To do this, return permission slip in your mailing. Postmark MUST be August 15th or earlier. (If you have not received this mailing, please contact church office to request one.)

KICK OFF SUNDAY:

Begin our official new Fall season
Sunday, August 30, 1992
4:00 p.m. Meet in church lot - Play Putt-Putt
Bring $3.00 for entry fee and supper money (fast food)

Regular bi-weekly meetings will begin in September.
YETS (grades 9-12) meet first and third Sundays, Sept. 6,20
Middle Highs (grades 6-8) meet second and fourth Sundays, Sept. 13,27

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AUGUST CALENDAR

12	-	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
13	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
14	-	7:00 p.m.	Special Fridays
		7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
15	-	1:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts - Greensboro Natural Science Center and Picnic
16	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service - Football Sunday
19	-	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
20	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
21	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
23	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:15 p.m.	Board of Christian Education - Library
		4:00 p.m.	Constitutional Revision Committee
25	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Missions
26	-	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
28	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
29	-	10:00 a.m.	UCC Clergy Women
		6:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Leaders and Families - Parish House
30	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
31	-		Head Start Children Return
		7:30 p.m.	Workship for Church School Teachers

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PLEASE NOTE:

Dear Elon UCC:

You already know ASP was a success for the YETS Youth.

What you may not know is your Mission Board gave $350 to go directly to ASP for building supplies. This contribution was made possible by your giving to this church!

YETS also gave an additional $350 from the money they raised. This went toward the "Cup of Cold Water" Fund which pays for pipes and plumbing materials. Through your support of our fund raisers, this gift was possible.

To you we say:

Thank-you!

YETS Youth

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WHEN THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, September 6 Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture lessons for this morning include the entire book of Philemon, the shortest book in the bible. The preacher will be interim pastor Beth Lyon.

Sunday, September 13 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

This is Rally Day for the Church School (see separate article) and teachers will be recognized and dedicated during worship. Worship will be followed by our annual Student Sunday dinner for college students. Robin Townsley-Arcus will be our preacher.

Sunday, September 20 Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Our guest preacher for this service will be the Rev. Paul Davis. Rev. Davis is a minister of the American Baptist Church. He and his wife, Julie Peebles, who is Interim Pastor at First Congregational Church in Greensboro, served most recently as chaplains for Habitat for Humanity in Americus, Ga. Immediately following the service, we will hold the dedication of the church playground.

Sunday, September 27 Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Our Conference Minister, Dr. Rollin Russell, will return to our pulpit and give us a speical sermon on what it means to call a pastor and what we have to learn from the biblical and historical models of the relationship between pastor and congregation. There will be time for a discussion with Dr. Russell following the service.

THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee is continuing with its work. We have narrowed the list of candidates to those who are to be interviewed and are well underway with the interview process.

Each interview takes several hours. The candidate has some time with each member of the committee in a one-on-one format and then spends a considerable amount of time with the entire committee.

According to our present plans we should complete the interviews by early October and have a recommendation ready for the congregation soon after that.

Your continued interest and prayerful support is a source of encouragement to us and we appreciate it very much. Thanks to all of you.

Ray

Ray Covington, Chairman

Let the Good Times Roll

YOUTH NEWS

The '92-'93 Season is underway. September starts our regular youth meetings. Please note the times and activities listed below. Let's get every youth involved this year!

YETS:

Sept. 6, Sun. 4:00 p.m. Opening Meeting - Games
Sept. 20, Sun. 12"15 p.m. Lunch - CROP Rally Contest
Oct. 2-3 (Fri-Sun) Retreat - Blowing Rock, NC
Oct. 11, Sun. CROP Walk
Oct. 18, Sun. Sun. 4:00 p.m. Meeting

MIDDLE HIGHS:

Sept. 13, Sun 4:00 p.m. Opening Meeting/Program
Sept. 20, Sun. 12:15 Lunch CROP Rally/Contest
Sept. 27, Sun. 4:00 p.m. Bible Jeopardy or Trash Scavanger Hunt
Oct. 11, Sun., CROP Walk
Oct. 25, Sun., ????????

There's something for everyone!
Plan to come to "Youth" this year!

Robin

THE TWELFTH KEY - Solid Financial Resources

In the study in which the Church has been engaged, Callahan says that there are five factors to be considered when analyzing a church's financial resources.

- Current Income - That income received anually from members
- Net New Income - New income received from new members
- Endowment Funds and Assets - The income that these produce
- Indebtedness - Amount of Debt, interest cost, maturity schedule
- Potential Financial Resources - Take a definitive look at the potential of the congregation and the community to measure potential. Use census data and other measures to determine strength.

To get you started with respect to our Church, perhaps a short quiz will get you thinking about this aspect of our Church's life. One answer is correct - can you cnoose it?

1) Number of Giving Units - That is the number of families or individuals who submit a pledge card.

a) 87 b) 94 c) 106 d) 114 e) 127

2) The Average Worship Attendance in 1991

a) 111 b) 123 c) 137 d) 148 e) 159

3) The Church Membership in 1991

a) 170 b) 198 c) 234 d) 284 e) 328

4) Total 1991 Pledged Income Divided By the Number of Giving Units
This will give the average gift to the Church

a) $104 b) $380 c) $313 d) $406 e) $632

5) The Cost of Operating the Church in 1991 (all expenses except mission) Divided by the Number of Members. This gives the average cost per member to keep this Church running.

a) $67 b) $176 c) $313 d) $406 e) $632

6) The Cost of the 1991 Mission Program Divided by the Number of Members. This gives the average cost per member to operate our mission program.

a) $12 b) $38 c) $76 d) $94 e) $128

Turn your answers in to the Church Office and, if you are one of those giving all of the correct answers, we will print your name in the next TORCH along with suitable laudatory comments. If you do not get all of the answers correct but you have the greatest number correct (or are tied with others), we will print your name in the TORCH along with suitable laudatory comments of a somewhat diminished nature. The undersigned will be encouraged if enough of the Congregation goes to the trouble of working this out. It is your Church and your gifts that make it go and the more you know about this the better.

John Ketcham

TERRIFIC THURSDAYS ARE EXPANDING

What could be more terrific that Terrific Thursdays? Why more Terrific Thursdays, of course! Terrific Thursdays are for any young person 4 years of age through eighth grade. We begin again on Thursday, September 10th with an expanded schedule which begins at 3:30 pm. Marie Wilkins will coordinate the program of recreation, crafts and other activities related to developing Christian values, and Betty Walker will direct the choirs: children's choir for are 4 through 1st grade, junior choir for the older kids, and junior handbells. Last year we averaged 6 for the children's choir and 15 juniors. We hope for even more this year. The expanded schedule will be as follows:

3:30 Supervised Free Play
4:15 Snack
4:30 Activities for Junior begin
while play time continues for children
4:45 Children's Chior with Betty
5:00 Junior Choir with Betty
Program Activities for Children
5:30 Handbells for Juniors
Children's Activities end.

Come for all of the program or come for part as your family schedule permits, but don't miss it!

STUDENT SUNDAY

The Board of Mission will host our annual Student Sunday Dinner in the Parish House after worship on Sunday September 13th. Church members are asked to come and bring enough food to feed themselves **and the students** who will be our guests that morning. It's always a pleasure to get a chance to get to know some special young people, many of whom may choose to be a part of our church community for the next four years. Let's make them welcome.

SENIOR CHOIR is back to their regular schedule now. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and they sing each Sunday. We would encourage persons who enjoy singing to join this choir. It is for 9th graders on. Being a member of this group means giving an hour of your time each week.

SENIOR HANDBELL CHOIR will resume rehearsals Sunday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m. A prerequisite for membership in this choir is the ability to read music. If you are interested in becoming a member, please call Betty Walker at 584-3145 or leave a note in her office at church or see her on Sunday. We have a couple of vacancies. Members MUST be regular in attendance.

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ATTENTION ALL MEN AND WOMEN:

The Church Women United is sponsoring a special Bible Study on Isaiah on Friday, September 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The leader will be Dr. James R. Pace, Chairman of the Department of Religion at Elon College. Both men and women are invited.

The study will be held at Macedonia Lutheran Church. Call Fran Hook (584-5407) so we can "Car Pool".

CHURCH SCHOOL RALLY DAY

On Sunday, September 13 at 9:30 AM we will hold a Rally Day for the Church School. If you haven't been to church school before or just haven't been coming for awhile, this is a good time to get involved. We will gather for muffins, juice and coffee in the Choral Center before regular church school classes begin. Those children and youth who will be graduating into another class will be promoted. Teachers will be introduced. Teachers for the children and youth's classes will be: Preschool - Katherine Floyd and Lisa Naatjes, Primary - Ray Turner and Eva Breidenthal, Junior - Ellie Ketcham and Marie Wilkins, Youth - John Hemphill and Eileen McKenna. These classes use materials from the **Witness** series from Augsburg Press, which focuses on teaching children about the Bible and its application in a faithful life. More information on adult classes follows.

INFORMATION ON ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

The three adult classes of the Elon College Community Church are looking forward to an interesting year. These classes are The Adult Bible Class, The Seekers Class, and the The Hurst Fellowship Class.

The Adult Bible Class uses materials from the Bible Discovery series from United Church Press. The study topic for the Fall Quarter is 'Old Testament Personalities.' Teachers for the year are Barry Raker, Marsh McLelland, Wally Snyder, Earl Danieley, and Richard McBride.

The Seekers Class uses materials from the Discipleship Alive! series from the United Church Press. The study topic for the Fall Quarter is 'From Generation to Generation.' Teachers for the year are Louis Wilkins, Leonard Miller, Ken Harper, and Al Carpenter.

The Hurst Fellowship Class is planning a study of the topic 'The Celebration of Discipline -- The Path to Spiritual Growth' for the Fall Quarter. Teachers for the year are Susan Hemphill, Candance Leuck, Jim Leuck, and Cile Welborn.

MEMORIALS COMMITTEE FORMED

Almost ten years ago now, the church formed a committee to recomend a list of memorial gifts for those who would like suggestions for a gift made in memory of a family member or loved one. The Board of Trustees recently discovered that many of the gifts suggested on the list compiled in 1983, such as parish house rennovations, new carpet and chandeliers for the sanctuary, a church van, a play area for children, new sound equipment, and a display cabinet for historical memorabilia had all been given, and other things on the list, such as refurbishing downstairs children's classrooms were planned for the near future. We need a new "Wish List"! Bill Blanchard will chair the new memorials committee, and Lois Bost, Evelyn Terrell and Gladys Hughes have also agreed to serve. If you have suggestions, please contact one of the committee members.

PLAYGROUND DEDICATION PLANNED

On Sunday, September 20th, immediately following worship, the children's playground will be dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert (Rob) F. Woody, III. Most of you know that the basic structure has been there for several years. Rob's Eagle Scout project involved construction of the playground including the bench under the oak tree. Robin Woody has spent untold hours on the playground himself and without his untiring efforts it would never have been built. Using memorial funds given in Rob's memory and some money which was part of the Second Century Fund, the Woody family has added some new equipment to the playground. Since Rob not only worked on the structures, but spent many happy hours supervising children playing there, the Board of Trustees thought it was very fitting to dedicate the playground in memory of him.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Olga Griswold

3 - Nell Snyder

5 - W. E. Butler, Jr.

6 - Gertrude Liscum
Clair Myers

9 - Ann Vickers

10 - Lois Bost
Diana Terrell

12 - Mabel Veazey

13 - Amy Rose
Carolyn Gabriel

14 - Louis Wilkins
Vic Vickers
Edward Simons

15 - April Smith
Brandi Smith
Andrew Lyon

16 - Billy Blanchard
Mary Cheek
Shawn Ashley White
Brian Steward Oxford

17 - Jennifer Easton
Scott Williamson

18 - Cile Welborn

19 - Matthew Woody
Shirlie Baxter

22 - Ray Covington
Alyssa Lovell

23 - Melva Foster
Tim Parker
Virginia Jeffreys

24 - Jeff Martin

26 - Lois Luke
Myrtle Matlock

27 - Malvin Artley, Jr.
Elizabeth Braxton
Rebecca Perry
Emily Woody

28 - Jama Cunningham

30 - Zachary Welborn

NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED

Preliminary plans are being made for a series of classes to be held in early fall for inquirers - those who wish to find out more about the church or who are interested in becoming church members. Topics will include: "The United Church of Christ, Who Are We?", "Finding a Home in this Congregation," and "Personal Journeys of Faith." If you would be interested in attending, please speak with Rev. Lyon, who will be conducting the classes. They will be held on Sundays, but the time will be announced at a later time.

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HOSPICE OF ALAMANCE-CASWELL is a program of home care for terminally ill persons and their families. Our goal is to enable a terminally ill person to live as comfortably and normally as possible. Volunteers are a crucial aspect in hospice care. They are needed for numerous jobs such as office/clerical work, transportation, provide relief for caregivers in the home, visit hospice patients in nursing homes, emotional support and comfort....in essence, to be there for whatever the patient and family may need. Volunteers are not expected to provide medical care to patients. There will be a training program for potential volunteers in September. Specific cates and times are: September 21,22,28,29 from 7:00 p.m. untio 10:00 each night at the hospice office at Alamance County Hospital. To register or for additional information, please call Connie Scott at 570-5200.

TORCHGLEAMS

Please keep in your prayers **Howard Loy** who is in Moses Cone Hospital, **Ann Martin** who is back at the Presbyterian Home at Hawfields after surgery, and **Nancy Reddish** who is back home after surgery to remove her gall bladder.

Doris Brafford is feeling better and hopes to be back to normal soon. She sends her thanks for all of your kindnesses during her illness. The cards, calls, flowers and food meant so much.

Betty Walker would like to thank everyone for the many thoughtful notes of condolence following the death of her father. The personal notes were very heart warming to her.

Our sympathy goes to **Jeff Wilkins** and family on the death of his aunt Mrs. Frances Crisp.

Please keep in your prayers the family of Dr. Stephen Wurster and the Catawba College community. Dr. Wurster was president of Catawba College and died Friday the 28th of August following heart surgery.

Some of you knew the Rev. Richard Jackson, a retired pastor of the United Church of Christ who served churches in this Conference including Chapel Hill and Durham as well as serving as a missionary in China along with wife Dorothy. Rev. Jackson died August 20th following a train accident. The funeral was held at Tryon UCC where he was pastor emeritus. We were represented at the funeral by **Jim Scott**.

Mrs. Lessie Longest's daughter Glenda Green had her home burn recently. The home and its contents were totally lost and she is staying with her mother or her daughter for the present. Please support this family with your love and prayers.

Congratulations to **Jean Batten** who began a new job recently teaching kindergarten at Elon Elementary.

Allied Churches of Alamance County, Inc
206 N Fisher Street
PO Box 2581
Burlington NC 27216-2581

August 6, 1992

Vacation Church School
Elon Community Church
PO Box 625
Elon College, NC 27244

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your gift of paper products, blankets, canned goods, and toiletries. We continue to need contributions of supplies, food, clothing, and cash. Our facility is caring for about 150 people a day and is open 365 days per year.

During the first six months of 1992, the Good Shepherd Community Kitchen served over 13,000 hot, nutritious meals. Nearly 200 different persons or groups donated food to the kitchen; paper supplies continue to be a large expense even though progress is being made in the recycling area. Twenty different church or service groups volunteer to prepare the meals one day each month.

Volunteers in our Christian Assistance Program met with 220 individuals between January 1 and June 30. We were able to help 72 persons for a total of $5,785.00. Referrals to other agencies were made to 110 people and no emergency existed for 38 persons. Twenty-nine churches have helped out with funds for this program.

The night shelter served 326 different persons from January through June of 1992. Forty-seven of those were homeless females. A year ago the average age of our clients was about 50; now that age has dropped to 35. Suppers provided by churches during that period numbered 5,336. We are averaging 30 people per night and have had several worship services.

The Ministries Center "TOURS" have been very popular--47 such tours were given from January through June; do plan to attend one if you have not already.

Faithfully yours,

Mary Ruth

PS: This letter is done by a volunteer on her home computer

Mary C. Ruth
Executive Director

Allied Ministries

Administrative Offices
919-229-0881

Christian Assistance Network
919-229-1519

Good Shepherd Community Kitchen
919-229-4343

Homeless Night Shelter
919-222-0749

CROP Office
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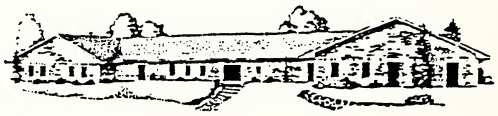
Emergency Family Apartment

Cooperative Ministries

Dispute Settlement Center
919-227-9808

Friendship Center Adult Day Care
919-222-9966



MINISTRIES CENTER
• Area Churches Allied in Christian Ministries •

PARKING

With the start of the Elon College fall semester, we have asked the College Security Force to consider the Church parking lots as faculty parking. This will eliminate students from parking in our lots. In order to enforce this policy, members of the congregation must display a special yellow card in their vehicles so that the security force will know that the vehicle belongs to a member of the church. If you do not have cards from last year please stop by the church office and pick them up.

Thanks.

Board of Trustees

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF ALAMANCE COUNTY has recently established a CARPENTER'S CLUB which now numbers over eighty members (giving units). To join the Carpenter's Club you pledge $20.00 for each new house that is built with not more than five requests made of you per year. With the present members each new house brings in over $1600 or an annual total of over $8000 (for five new houses per year.) IF THE MEMBERSHIP CAN BE RAISED TO 200, THEN THAT WOULD MEAN $20,000 PER YEAR OR THE COST OF ONE SMALL HABITAT HOUSE! A number of our congregation are delighted to belong to the Carpenter's Club. I would like to invite other members of the congregation to join us as members. Membership cards are available in the narthex. For more information call 222-8191.

Shirley and Bill Beyer

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MISSION BOARD NEWS

The Mission Board wants to thank the congregation for their generous contributions to the food pantry. The Suggested food for September is canned fruits.

THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
P. O. Box 658, 217 North Main St. Graham, NC 27253-0658; 919-222-8771, FAX 919-222-8773

ROLLIN O. RUSSELL
Conference Minister

RICHARD N. RINKER
Christian Education

RAYMOND W. HARGROVE
Church Development

August 26, 1992

TO: Pastors and Churches
FROM: Rollin Russell
RE: Response to Hurricane Andrew

I have been in contact with the Conference Offices for Florida and Louisiana regarding the damage from Hurricane Andrew. Both conferences are receiving contributions to support the relief efforts and will distribute materials and funds through our United Church of Christ congregations on the scene. Both have also been in contact with Church World Service, and that organization's "ready response" system is already in motion, again, working with and through local churches.

You are urged to send your contributions to the Southern Conference Office, designated for Hurricane Emergency Relief. You may also indicate whether you want your gifts to go through Church World Service, the Florida Conference or the South Central Conference. Make the checks payable to Southern Conference and send them to this office.

At this writing we have a better assessment of the damage in Florida.

-Sunset Congregational U.C.C. in Miami sustained severe damage when a tree crushed the church's roof.
-Balharbor U.C.C. and Marco Island U.C.C. have received severe water damage from the tidal surge and flooding.
-Many of the families in those communities and others have had severe losses, of course.

I have been able to contact one friend in New Iberia, LA, and have heard from folks in New Orleans. The full extent of the damage there is not known at this moment (Wednesday) but the need will be great. Many of you know Rev. Donald Morgan who served several churches in our Conference and is now serving the Teche Area Ministry, four congregations in and near New Iberia. The need will be especially great in the communities he serves. If you designate your gifts for the Teche Area we will see that they get there.

In the wake of Hurricane Hugo serveral years ago we received and distributed many generous gifts from U.C.C. churches all over the country. Now we have a chance to respond by helping others in the same situation. Thank God for our church organizations which can respond so quickly and effectively, and which give us a way and an opportunity to help.

ROR:lag

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

1	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Missions
2	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
4	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
6	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		4:00 p.m.	Constitution Revision Committee
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
7	-		LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
8	-	7:30 p.m.	Long Range Planning Committee
9	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
10	-	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
11	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
13	-	9:30 a.m.	Church School Rally Day
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Student Sunday Dinner
		4:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Executive Committee
		4:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
14	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	General Meeting of the Women's Fellowship
16	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR - continued -

17	-	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
18	-	7:00 p.m.	Special Fridays
		7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
20	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Playground Dedication
		12:15 p.m.	All Youth - CROP
		12:30 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
21	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
22	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Missions
23	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
24	-	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
25	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
27	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service - Parents Weekend
		4:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
28	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
30	-	9:00 p.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
		7:30 p.m.	Cherokee Council Cub Scout Com. Seekers Class Room

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING
Jul 31 1992

	1991 ACTUAL	1992 BUDGET	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE
SOURCES OF INCOME				
Total Pledged Income	121,072.94	125,293.00	65,196.36	64,050.05
Total Special Contributions	7,370.89	6,865.00	3,340.00	3,507.64
Total Loose Offerings	3,552.55	3,500.00	1,982.00	2,407.20
Total Interest Earned	864.04	1,097.00	548.50	293.43
Total Fund Raising	908.46	700.00	350.00	0.00
Total Rental Income	3,506.10	3,200.00	1,246.00	3,353.76
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	686.67	560.00	280.00	289.51
TOTAL REVENUE	137,961.65	141,215.00	72,942.86	73,901.59
EXPENDITURES				
Total Local Mission	5,913.22	6,975.00	3,457.00	5,152.26
Total UCC Ministries	13,641.81	14,935.00	8,626.00	6,170.00
Total World Ministries	2,082.73	2,350.00	2,075.00	1,155.20
Total Other Mission Expense	65.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	21,702.76	24,360.00	14,158.00	12,477.46
Total Worship Services	1,461.11	1,660.00	660.00	1,483.26
Total Evangelism	1,113.88	1,350.00	720.00	248.07
Total Music Programs	10,674.14	11,804.00	6,632.32	6,900.31
TOTAL WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM	13,249.13	14,814.00	8,012.32	8,631.64
Total Program - Christian Ed.	5,867.71	5,805.00	3,642.50	3,231.89
Total Personnel - Christian Ed.	11,761.00	34,230.14	18,414.26	18,150.47
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	17,628.71	40,035.14	22,056.76	21,382.36
Total Building Expense	26,059.36	27,245.00	15,920.00	14,592.08
Total Personnel	6,566.65	6,567.00	3,808.86	3,091.51
Total Operating Expense	2,266.64	2,160.00	1,074.00	1,267.77
TOTAL CHURCH FACILITIES	34,892.65	35,972.00	20,802.86	18,951.36
Total Program	361.53	375.00	187.50	351.57
Total Personnel	49,448.69	28,233.59	22,708.56	20,277.18
Total Operating Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.48
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	49,810.22	28,608.59	22,896.06	20,676.23
TOTAL EXPENSE	137,283.47	143,789.73	87,926.00	82,119.05
EXCESS/(DEF) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	678.18	(2,574.73)	(14,983.14)	(8,217.46)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Flowers
Sept. 6	Harvey and Fran Hook	Drs. George & Carole Troxle
13	Floyd and Maxine Rich	Mr. and Mrs. James Underhil
20	Bill and Susan Barbee	The Perry Family
27	Jeff and Marie Wilkins	Mr. and Mrs. James Lyon

Ushers

Sept. 6 Mike Mayse, Earl Parker, Lohr Dixon, Dee Atkinson, Don Williamson
13 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Stan Willard, Tommy Oakley
20 Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill, Floyd Rich, Karl Washburn.
27 Macon Albertson, Brian Harper, Gayland Welborn, Cile Welborn, George Troxler.

Acolytes

Sept. 6 Vega Herold and Sarah Hemphill
13 Meg Wilkins and Chris Causey
21 Drew McLelland and Matt Mayse
28 Chris Harris and Scott Williamson

Child Care During Worship

Sept. 6 Ann Acquilano and Shawn McKenna
13 Carolyn Messick and Brian Harper
20 Kim Perry and Brian Rose
27 Maxine Rich and Katie Brown

Nursery

Sept. 6 Shannon Albertson and Beth Wilkins
13 Shannon Albertson and Verona Danieley
20 Shannon Albertson and Fran Hook
27 Shannon Albertson and Jackie Pendergrass

Church Attendance for August

2	-	114	23	-	139
9	-	129	30	-	148
16	-	216			

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Interim Pastor
Rev. Robin Townsley-Arcus,
Parish Associate
Dr. William J. Andes and
Dr. Alfred W. Hurst,
Pastors Emeriti

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WHEN THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, September 20 Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Our guest preacher for this service will be the Rev. Paul Davis. Rev. Davis is a minister of the American Baptist Church. He has served churches in Malden, Massacusetts and Pittsburg, Pa. He and his wife, Julie Peebles, who is Interim Pastor at First Congregational Church in Greensboro, served most recently as chaplains for Habitat for Humanity in Americus, Ga. Paul and Julie have two daughters, Meghan and Hannah. Immediately following the service, we will hold the dedication of the church playground.

Sunday, September 27 Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Our Conference Minister, Dr. Rollin Russell, will return to our pulpit and give us a speical sermon on what it means to call a pastor and what we have to learn from the biblical and historical models of the relationship between pastor and congregation. There will be time for a discussion with Dr. Russell following the service.

NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED

Preliminary plans are being made for a series of classes to be held in early fall for inquirers - those who wish to find out more about the church or who are interested in becoming church members. Topics will include: "The United Church of Christ, Who Are We?", "Finding a Home in this Congregation," and "Personal Journeys of Faith." If you would be interested in attending, please speak with Rev. Lyon, who will be conducting the classes. They will be held on Sundays, but the time will be announced at a later time.

PLAYGROUND DEDICATION PLANNED

On Sunday, September 20th, immediately following worship, the children's playground will be dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert (Rob) F. Woody, III. Most of you know that the basic structure has been there for several years. Rob's Eagle Scout project involved construction of the playground including the bench under the oak tree. Robin Woody has spent untold hours on the playground himself and without his untiring efforts it would never have been built. Using memorial funds given in Rob's memory and some money which was part of the Second Century Fund, the Woody family has added some new equipment to the playground. Since Rob not only worked on the structures, but spent many happy hours supervising children playing there, the Board of Trustees thought it was very fitting to dedicate the playground in memory of him.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Sunday, September 13th was a very busy day here at the church. Rally Day was a big success. Last years teachers were honored. We promoted 14 children to new classes and enrolled ten new children in Church School. There were several new faces in the adult classes as well. Special thanks to Paul Cheek, chairman of the Board of Christian Education, Al Carpenter and Sue Brown, Church School Superintendents, and the members of the board who made this event possible.

It was also Student Sunday and special thanks go to Susan Barbee, the members of the Board of Mission who worked hard on that event, and to all who brought the delicious food. We had over 30 students to attend church and the lunch. And we hope that they will continue to be a part of our church family during their time at Elon.

DID YOU KNOW?*

Our church reaches almost 1000 people in a six month period through its mission to its members, those who participate in church sponsored programs and those who are served by programs which meet in the church. Some of those programs include scouting (cubs, boy scouts, brownies, daisies, and junior girls), Mom's Morning Out, Terrific Thursdays, Vacation Church School, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and the Good Samaritan Fund.

*based on data from our study of **Twelve Keys to an Effective Church**

YOUTH NEWS

Middle Highs:

Sept. 20, Sun. 12:15	CROP Meeting after Pizza and games (bring $3 for pizza)
Sept. 27, Sun. 2:00	Learn about handicaps Program by Susan Hemphill.
Oct. 4, Sun. 2:00	Movie and Discussion Program by Shannon Albertson.
Oct. 11, Sun. 2:00	CROP Walk!

YETS:

Sept. 20, Sun. 12:15	CROP Meeting after pizza and games (bring $3 for pizza)
Sept. 27, Sun. 4:00	Open Meeting
Oct. 2 - 4 Fri.-Sun.	YETS on Retreat at BRAG
Oct. 11, Sun 2:00	CROP Walk!

ACOLYTE PIZZA PARTY AND TRAINING SESSION

There will be a pizza party and training session for all new and continuing acolytes on Sunday, September 27 at 12:30 beginning with pizza in the youth room. Please bring $1.00 per child toward the cost of the pizza. PARENTS PLEASE NOTE! THIS IS AN IMPORTANT EVENT FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE SO THAT THEY MIGHT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING WHEN THEY SERVE IN WORSHIP.

HELP CROP STOP HUNGER

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CROP

LOOK WHO'S WALKING

So far plans for the CROP Walk are going very well. We already have 16 walkers registered. They are:

Lydia Troxler	Claire Welborn
Dr. Earl Danieley	Zachary Welborn
Dr. Emmett Floyd	Gayland Welborn
Katherine Floyd	Cile Welborn
Sallie Wolfe	Bill Barbee
Ann Acquilano	Susan Barbee
Marie Acquilano	Al Carpenter
Bridget Basirico	Beth Lyon

Our goal is to have 20 walkers. We need 4 more walkers. If you have not registered and would like to walk please contact Cile Welborn at 584-2854.

In addition to needing walkers we need sponsors. There will be a CROP sponsor sheet in the church bulletin for the next few Sundays, please fill it out and place it in the collection plate. So far there are four sponsors: Dr. Danieley, The Floyds, The Welborns, and The Edwards. Our goal is to have 5 sponsors per walker so we need 80 more sponsors. I know we can do it.

The CROP Walk is on Sunday, October 11th. We will meet at Williams High Athletic Field a little before 2:00 p.m. and if you'd like we can walk together as a Church.

So come on Elon College Community Church let's rally together and reach our goal for CROP.

Yours in Christ,

Cile Welborn

TORCHGLEAMS

Please keep in your prayers **Gene Lankford** who is in Memorial Hospital but hopes to be home by the time you receive this, **George Noah** who is having trouble with pneumonia and a bad back, **Ken Harper** who continues to have trouble with his eye, and **Elna Huey** who is at home.

Welcome to the world and the church family to **Stephen Clark Perry, Jr.** who as most of you already know was born on August 15 to **Steve and Kim Perry** and weighed 7 lbs. 9 ozs. Grandparents are **Estelle and Stan Willard.**

J. L. and Vera Dixon and **George and Clara Noah** are the proud great-grandparents of Tyler Christopher Poole, born Sept. 8 in Hickory, NC to granddaughter Tracy Noah Poole and her husband, Chris.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

16	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
17	-	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
18	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
20	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Playground Dedication
		12:15 p.m.	All Youth - CROP
		12:30 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
21	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
22	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Missions
23	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
24	-	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
25	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
27	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service - Parents Weekend
		2:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
28	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
30	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
		7:30 p.m.	Cherokee Council Cub Scout Com. Seekers Class Room

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WHEN THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, October 4 Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Interim Pastor, Beth Gassert Lyon will be the preacher and altar communion will be celebrated for World Communion Sunday. Scriptures include Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15, II Timothy 1: 1-14, and Luke 17: 5-10.

Sunday, October 11 Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Robin Townsley-Arcus will be our preacher for this service. Scriptures include Micah 1:2, 2:1-10. II Tim. 2: 8-15, and Luke 17: 11-19.

Sunday, October 18 Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

On this Sunday the search commitee will present its final candidate to the congregation and he will be our preacher for this service. The service will be followed by an **important congregational meeting** to vote on issuing a call to him to become pastor of the church. A letter from the search committee will be mailed soon with more information about the candidate and the opportunities the search committe has planned for you to get to know him.

Sunday, October 25 Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Angelika Koblenz will be our guest preacher for this service. Dr. Koblenz is a native of Hamburg, Germany where she studied theology, psychology, and education. Dr. Koblenz has also studied at Duke Divinity School where she received a Master of Divinity degree and did supervisory training in the Clinical Pastoral Education Program and served as a chaplain in Duke University Medical Center. She is certified by C.P.S.P. as a pastoral supervisory and psychotherapist and is in private practice in Chapel Hill.

The Search Committee is nearing the end of its assignment. We have met frequently and have worked hard as we have reviewed the profiles which were received from 48 potential candidates. We selected those we believed to be best qualified to lead our church, had telephone interviews with several of them and invited the finalists to come here for interviews. Members of the committee heard sermons on audiotape, viewed sermons on videotape, and went to hear sermons in person.

We plan to send a letter to you during the first week of October giving information about the candidate whom we will recommend. Everyone will be invited to a social on Saturday evening, October 17 to meet the candidate and family; to hear the candidate at the regular service on October 18; and, to vote on our recommendation at a special meeting of the Church to be called by the Moderator.

We are grateful to all of you for your continued interest and support during the past few months. We look forward with all of you to the years ahead with enthusiasm and faith.

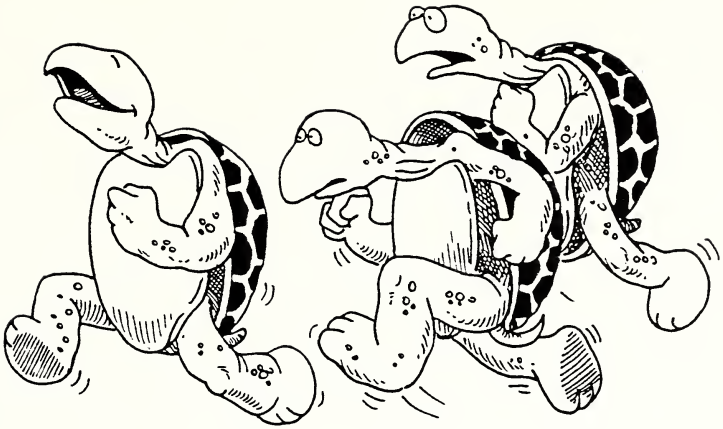
Ray Covington, Chairman
The Search Committee

DID YOU KNOW?

Participants in both of the congregation's studies of **Twelve Keys to an Effective Church** believed that our church was strong in the quality of its worship. They believed the congregation was warm, the music was dynamic and inspirational, and the preaching expressed the good news of the gospel. This is a strength on which we hope to build in the years ahead. We also discovered that on an average Sunday we have room for twice as many worshippers as we normally have! Reaching out is something we need to learn to do better and Pastoral and Lay Visitation is a strength we need to learn more about. Why don't you begin by inviting someone new to worship this week?

INQUIRERS' CLASSES

Beginning Sunday, October 11 at 7:00 pm and continuing through the rest of October a series of classes for inquirers will be held in the church library. These classes are for those who wish to find out more about the church or who are interested in becoming church members. Topics will include: "The United Church of Christ, Who Are We?", "Finding a Home in this Congregation," and "Personal Journeys of Faith." If you would be interested in attending, please speak with Rev. Lyon, who will be conducting the classes. New members will be received in November.



ELON UCC YOUTH

YETS: YETS are on retreat October 2-4.
The main focus of the trip is the Christian Story - What it is and why we are Christians.

YETS will begin meeting every week starting in October.

October 11: 2:00 p.m. CROP Walk - Have you won all the prizes??

October 18: 4:00 p.m. Scavenger Hunt for Shelter.

October 25: To be announced.

MIDDLE HIGHS:

What an outstanding program last Sunday. Thanks for coming! Look what's ahead.

October 4: 2:00 p.m. Movie and program with Shannon Albertson.
October 11: 2:00 p.m. CROP - Did you reach your goal??
October 18: 2:00 p.m. To be announced.
October 25: 2:00 p.m. Bible Trivia.

SPECIAL FRIDAYS

Special Friday is a special opportunity for families. It is a time for making connections and for making friends. It is a time of mission. It is a time to serve others. It is a time to learn from others.

Special Friday was initiated by the Hurst Fellowship Class as a project to provide respite care for families of disabled children. The project has two main goals: (1) to give parents of disabled children a few hours of free child-care so they could have time to dine-out, go to a movie, or do some shopping; (2) to create a recreational environment where "normal" children played with and helped care for children with disabilities.

Special Fridays has been a very successful project. We are routinely providing care for six disabled children. We could include more children if we had more volunteers. If you are interested in being involved in Special Friday, you could help in several ways.

(1) Assist with care-giving. We have a good "core" of volunteers who know the children and are comfortable with providing care for disabled children. But we could use more volunteers who would begin by working with more experienced "care-givers". As our group of adult care-givers grows larger, we may be able to serve more families.

(2) Provide snacks. We need someone to bring and serve (and clean-up) snacks. Snack-time is about 8 PM. This role could involve less time, but would be a valuable service to the group.

(3) Provide group activities involving games or music or any type of appropriate entertainment. The activities should, obviously, be non-competitive.

You could get involved in Special Friday by calling John or Susan Hemphill (584-4398) or Cile Welborn (584-2854). Or, you may sign-up on a volunteer sign-up sheet that will be posted on the Mission Board.

Listed below are dates for the up-coming Special Fridays:

October 9
November 13
December 11
January 8
February 12
March 12
April 9

"SEVEN DIFFICULT TEXTS - STUDIES IN THE HEBREW BIBLE (O.T.)"

Dear Friends:

First Christian UCC is glad to invite you to guided studies in the Hebrew Bible. What we as christians call the Old Testament is often difficult for us to understand.

The pronunciation and meaning of names and places frequently appears to be a mystery when we are together for Sunday School or listen to the scripture readings in our worship services. Furthermore there are a lot of theological ideas which attract our attention because they seem to be so unfamiliar. Sometimes we even perceive them as offensive towards our imagination of "the Christian God".

In order to understand our descent as christians and to work on our contemporary understanding of a christian identity we are all invited to study our roots: the first part of the Holy Scripture, the Hebrew bible. We may get to discover God who reveals or hides "himself" in ways which are different from our common imagination. We may get to discover again our kinship with God's chosen people, our jewish brothers and sisters and we may get to understand ourselves better as we discover the traditional background of our Lord, the Jew, Jesus from Nazareth.

For 12 sessions we are therefore going to focus on key-texts of the Hebrew Bible. Here are some examples:

-"Monkey or not monkey - the biblical reports about the creation versus the evolution theory."
-"An eye for an eye - what is the sense of retributive justice?"
-"How bloody is God? - The conquest of the Holy Land and the Holy War."

To make our studies easier and more effective, we will have copies of the bible texts here which come closest to the Hebrew original. But you can also bring your bibles to make notes of the commentaries in them about insights you gain.

Our studies during the wintertime will hopefully end up in a study-tour to Israel itself. Preparations are already on the way.

More about the How's and Where's and When's are below. First Christian UCC looks forward to welcome as many of you as possible.

Best wishes and shalom, Peter Schmidt and Bob Barrows

When:	First Session on October 8th 1992 Topic: Jewish-Christian dialogue 7:30 p.m. Then every second week.
Where:	At First Christian United Church of Christ 415 S. Church Street Burlington, NC 27215 (919) 226-7428
How:	Guest speakers (pastors, scholars) will introduce us into the issues and lead us into discussions.

Here is the schedule of topics for the Bible Studies at First Christian. Interim pastor, Beth Lyon, will be leading the session on November 5.

10/22	"Monkey or not monkey - the biblical reports about the creation versus the evolution theory?" (Genesis 1-3; Psalm 104.
11/05	"How bloody is God? - The conquest of the Holy Land and the Holy War." (Joshua and Judges)
11/19	"An eye for an eye - What is the sense of retributive justice?" (Exodus 21)
12/03	"Sabbatical and years of jubilee." (Ex. 23; Lev. 25)
OR	"Dietary Laws." (Gen. 9; Lev.)
12/17	"Woe all over this land -- prophetic promises of doom and destruction." (Amos 9:1-10; Isaiah 24)
01/07	"Guilty or not guilty -- collective and individual guilt in the Hebrew Bible." (Ezekiel 18; Ex. 20:5)
01/21	"Proclaimed and not fulfilled? - Messiah expectation in the Hebrew Bible." (Mic. 5; Zech 9; Is. 7; 9; 61)

OCTOBER CALENDAR

1 -	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
2 -	3:45 p.m.	YETS leave for BRAG Retreat
	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
4 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	2:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
	4:00 p.m.	YETS return from BRAG Retreat
	5:00 p.m.	Church Council
	6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
5 -	10:30 a.m.	Circle 1
	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7:30 p.m.	Circle 2
6 -	6:00 p.m.	Circle 3 at the home of Sara Dodson
7 -	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
8 -	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
	7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
9 -	7:00 p.m.	Special Fridays
	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
11 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	2:00 p.m.	CROP Walk
	6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Inquirers Class
12 -	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
14 -	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous

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OCTOBER CALENDAR - continued -

15	-	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
16	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
17	-	9:00 a.m.	Eastern NC Association, Shallowford UCC
		7:00 p.m.	Search Committee Reception for Candidate to meet congregation.
18	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Inquirers Class
19	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
21	-	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
22	-	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
23	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
25	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:15 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
		2:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Inquirers Class
26	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
27	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Missions
28	-	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
29	-	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
30	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

TORCHGLEAMS

Please keep in your prayers **Martin Shotzberger** who is in the VA hospital in Durham for bypass surgery, **Norma Matlock** who fell and injured her shoulder, and **Goldie Smith** whose brother died September 12 after a long illness.

Congratulations to **Cile Welborn** who has been named Smith Elementary School Teacher of the Year! She is also a finalist for Burlington City Schools Teacher of the Year.

Choir member **Jane McLelland** is playing Hedda Hopper in the currently running Gallery Players' production of "Red, Hot, and Cole," a musical review of the life of Cole Porter. Shows are at the Paramount theater in Burlington Oct 1-4, and 8-10.

Congratulations also to **the Rev. John Truitt** who has been called as Parish Associate at Starmount Presbyterian in Greensboro. Rev. Truitt was previously the interim pastor at Starmount. May God bless his continued ministry there.

John and Nancy Lu Irvine have moved into their recently completed new home. Their address is: 4100 Lucy Long Dr. Harrisonburg, VA. 22801. If you are up that way, they'd welcome a visit. Detailed directions are available in the church office.

Mark and Heidi Danieley also have a new address: 1623 Majesty Dr. Burlington, NC 27215.

CROP UPDATE

After meeting with the Youth of the Church I'm happy to say that we have surpassed our goal of 20 walkers and we now have 32 walkers registered. They are:

Dr. Earl Danieley
Lydia Troxler
Dr. Emmett Floyd
Katherine Floyd
Sallie Wolfe
Ann Acquilano
Marie Acquilano
Bridget Basirico
Al Carpenter
Claire Welborn
Zachary Welborn
Cile Welborn
Gayland Welborn
Elizabeth Mayse
Matthew Mayse
Friend of Matthew

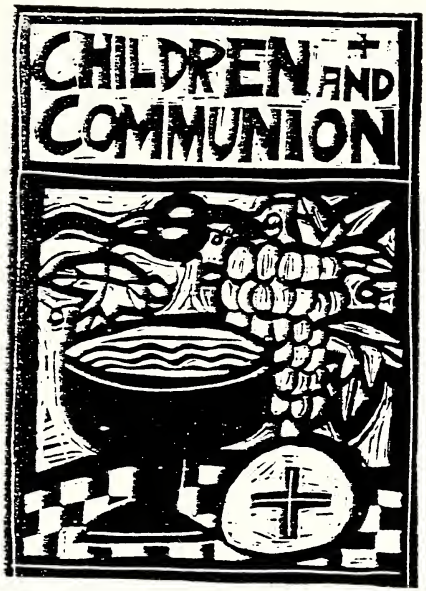
Suran Barbee
Beth Lyon
Robin Townsley Arcus
Jim Leuck
Candance Leuck
Natalie Leuck
Glen Leuck
Jamie Brown
Heidi Troxler
Jennifer Easton
Vega Herold
Shannon Albertson
Randy Ralston
Christy Vitou
Sara Hemphill

I can't tell you how thrilled I am that our church can rally together to make a difference. We still need many, many sponsors. Please fill out the sponsor sheet in the church bulletin and you will be matched with a walker. Last year with 11 walkers we turned in a total of $1,100.00. If everyone will get involved even in a small way we should contribute well over that amount this year. So far we have had 15 sponsors.

Beth Lyon, Nora Griswold, Sue Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Shotzberger have signed on as sponsors as well as the others mentioned in the last TORCH. That brings our total of sponsors to 14. We need 100 to meet our goal. There's still time...

Yours in Christ,

Cile Welborn



On Sunday morning October 4th at 9:45 am there will be a special class for those children who are in 3rd through 5th and their parents about Holy Communion taught by the Interim Pastor. Since these children are old enough to be present when the sacrament is celebrated, it is important that they begin to learn what it is about so that they can participate with some understanding. Parents are encouraged to attend so that they are better equipped to talk further with their children at home. This will take the place of the regular Junior church school class.

BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS

April 1, 1992 - September 30, 1992

Mrs. Martha Harward
Mrs. Mary Shaw Cunningham
Mrs. Lois M. Bost

Mr. Henley Beale Floyd
Adult Sunday School Class

Mr. Marshall W. Hook
Mr. and Mrs. W. Ray Hook

Mrs. Minnis E. Hook
Mr. and Mrs. W. Ray Hook

Mrs. Kathleen Johnson
Adult Sunday School Class

Mr. Kenneth K. Hughes
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blanchard
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gabriel

Mr. Robert F. Woody, III
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blanchard

Mr. C. H. Miller
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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Wes Alexander
Betty Y. Powell

3 - Betty Blanchard
Thomas E. Powell IV

4 - George Shumar
Nancy Lu Irvine

5 - Ruth Cheek
Harvey Hook
Katherine Floyd

7 - David Hughes

8 - Ralph Oxford

9 - Jim Lyon

11 - Bill Blanchard

12 - Benjamin White
Beth Schmidt

13 - Della Scott

14 - Betty Wagoner
Tom Conally
Don Williamson Jr.

15 - Lessie Longest

17 - Greg Powell

18 - Robin Holt
Stan Willard

19 - Marie Acquilano

20 - Goldie Smith
Andrew McLelland

22 - Fran Hook

23 - Noel Allen
Loretta Easton

24 - Brinkley Messick

25 - Alan Young

26 - Viola Dean

27 - Ned Danieley

28 - Natalie Williamson

29 - William Beyer

30 - Dolores Truitt
Maxine Rich

31 - Madge Brannock
William Ellis

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Flowers
Oct. 4	Norma Watson and Irma Seamster	The Hunter Family
11	Willard and Sibyl White	Mrs. Lois Luke
18	Fred and Phyllis Young	Mr. and Mrs. Charles Liscum
25	Ralph and Hilda Oxford	Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oxford

Ushers

Oct. 4 Mike Mayse, Earl Parker, Lohr Dixon, Dee Atkinson, Don Williamson.
11 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Stan Willard, Tommy Oakley
18 Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill, Floyd Rich, Karl Washburn.
25 Gayland Welborn, Cile Welborn, George Troxler, Sibyl White, Willard White.

Acolytes

Oct. 4 Elizabeth Mayse and Leigh Ann Batten
11 Tara McKenna and Marie Acquilano
18 Lydia Troxler and Sarah Hemphill
25 Kim Acquilano and Natalie Leuck

Child Care During Worship

Oct. 4 Karen Worst and Amy Rose
11 Cile Welborn and Lydia Troxler
18 Sue Brown and Tara McKenna
25 Heidi Danieley and Marie Acquilano

Nursery

Oct. 4 Shannon Albertson and Faye Conally
11 Shannon Albertson and Maxine Rich
18 Shannon Albertson and Karen Worst
25 Shannon Albertson and Jamie Brown

Church Attendance for September

6	-	120	20	-	161
13	-	176	27	-	238 (Parents Weekend)

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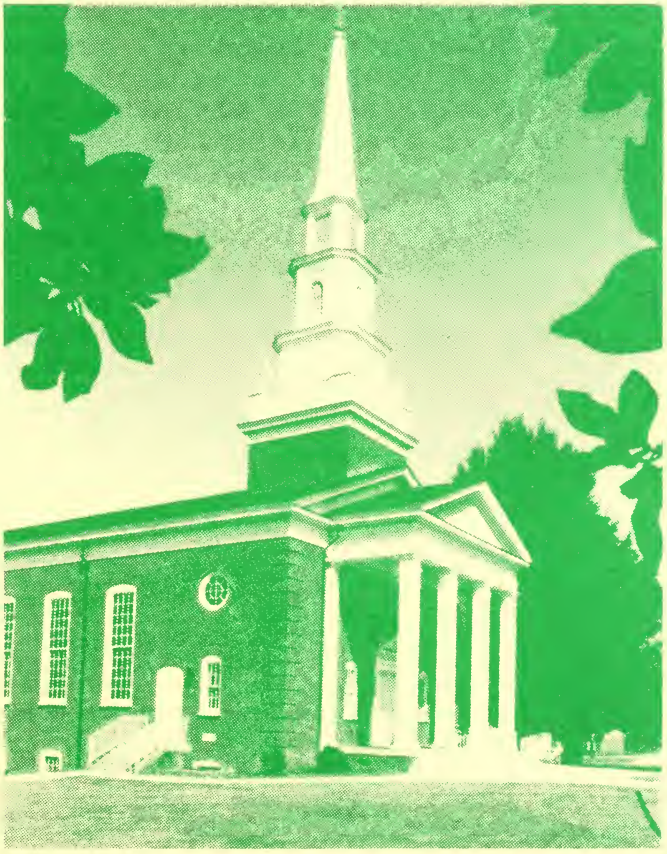

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WHEN THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, October 18 Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

On this Sunday the search commitee will present its final candidate, the Rev. Archie Aitchison, to the congregation and he will be our preacher for this service. The service will be followed by an **important congregational meeting** to vote on issuing a call to Rev. Aitchison to become pastor of the church.

Sunday, October 25 Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Angelika Koblenz will be our guest preacher for this service. Dr. Koblenz is a native of Hamburg, Germany where she studied theology, psychology, and education. Dr. Koblenz has also studied at Duke Divinity School where she received a Master of Divinity degree and did supervisory training in the Clinical Pastoral Education Program and served as a chaplain in Duke University Medical Center. She is certified by C.P.S.P. as a pastoral supervisor and psychotherapist and is in private practice in Chapel Hill.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The search committe would like to invite you to an open house on Saturday, October 17 from 7 to 9 pm in the Parish House. This will be an opportunity for everyone to meet the Rev. Archie Aitchison, his wife, Liz, and daughter, Joy. Refreshments will be provided by the Women's Fellowship.

IMPORTANT CALLED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1992
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

The purpose of this meeting will be to vote on issuing a call to the Rev. Archie Aitchison to become senior pastor of our congregation. Your presence at the service and the meeting immediately following is of the utmost importance. Please make every effort to come.

FROM CHURCH COUNCIL:

The Constitutional Revision Committee, chaired by Marsh McLelland, reported to Council on October 4th their proposed revisions to our constitution. These revisions will be discussed by Council at our meeting on November 1. Then they will be mailed to all church members before a congregational vote at a meeting in December.

At that same December meeting, the church budget for 1993 will be approved...following our stewardship campaign in November. All church leaders will pledge on November 8th to kick off the campaign.

Church Council approved a new Long Range Plan based on our two year study of Callahan's keys to an effective church. Our Long Range Plan has two components:

A. Key strengths which our church has already developed but which are so important we need to keep building upon them. We call these "Strengths to Expand."

B. Key areas we feel we are weak in--not as strong as an effective church should be. We call these "Strengths to Develop."

Our Long-Range Plan was approved by Council subject to modifications which our new pastor may want to suggest. The plan will be presented to the Congregation in a November Torch.

The Nominating Committee is chaired by Verona Danieley and others serving are Ken Harper, Kay Hensley, Jane McLelland and Gayland Welborn.

The Personnel Committee chaired by Beth Schmidt is proposing personnel policies for church staff members (other than the Pastor).

TORCHGLEAMS

Please keep in your prayers **Ann Martin** who has been in Alamance Memorial Hospital for further surgery. Also, **Martin Shotzberger** who is recovering at home from coronary bypass surgery on September 29th and **Robert Eyes** who is also recuperating from bypass surgery done at Duke Hospital on September 18th.

Best wishes to **D. Marsh McLelland** and Pearl Clemmer who were married here on Saturday, October 10. May God bless them in their new life together.

Happy 90th birthday to **Della Scott**! She had a celebration Saturday attended by children, granchildren, great-grandchildren, as well as numerous other family members and friends from far and near. Many happy returns, Mrs. Scott.

CROP UPDATE

Thank you to all of our walkers (I counted at least 27 people walking for our church as I trudged along), to Dr. Bill Andes for driving the church van for the walk, and to those of you who served as rest stop volunteers and sponsored walkers. Walkers, please be sure to collect your money promptly and turn it in to Cile Welborn or to the church office. Figures are not yet available for the amount our walkers have raised for the hungry but an informal tally by your pastor indicates we have all done a great job this year. Look for further updates.

-Beth

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

It has been said that Christians' checkbooks represent their statements of faith. To be sure, some Christians--even in this country --don't have a checkbook. Think of it: homeless people, and others on welfare, migrant workers, and of course children--who constitute the poorest group in our society--these are just some of our neighbors who have no bank accounts.

Those of us who do have checkbooks are doubly blessed. First, we have the security of a bank account. Second, we have the means to make a gift to those who are in need.

Neighbors in Need provides members and friends of the United Church of Christ the opportunity to make gifts to help people in need.

In addition to the means and the opportunity, we also have the reason to give to this all-church offering: it does so much to help! Here are some of the projects to be supported by this year's Neighbors in Need:

American Indian Ministry
Homelessness and Economic Justice
Health Care for All
Promoting Multicultural Child Development
Living in a Multicultural Society
Christian Faith, Economic and
  Environmental Justice
Women's Health Care
A New Agenda for Children and Families
Race and the Health Care
  Delivery Crisis

In November, members of Elon College Community Church will be invited to support the Neighbors in Need offering with their checks.

More details on these Special Program Ministries will be available in our church bulletins. We urge you to read the offering material and then give generously to this appeal.

The following is a letter received from Dr. Russell of the Southern Conference thanking us for our contribution to the relief fund for victims of Hurricane Andrew.

Thank you for your congregation's contribution to relieve the suffering of victims of Hurricane Andrew. We have now received and disbursed $40,000.00 from our Southern Conference churches and members to assist relief efforts in Florida and Louisiana, and also in response to the disasters in Hawaii and Somalia.

I hope you will convey to your members how deeply we appreciate their response, and what a critical factor it is in enabling Church World Service to do the effective work it does in such situations. Thank you for all you do to support the ministries of our church. Warmest regards.

Cordially,

Rollin O. Russell

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THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE will meet Sunday, October 25, at 8 p.m. in the Seekers Classroom.

If you would like to serve your church as an officer or on one of the boards, or if you would like to suggest someone, you are invited to contact one of the committee members. They are Ken Harper, Kay Hensley, Jane McLelland, Gayland Welborn, and Verona Danieley, chairman.

YOUTH NEWS

Thanks to all who came out for the CROP Walk. We had a great success. Our church had at least 25 walkers many of whom were youth. You all did a great job. Let's hear it for ECCC Youth!!!

MIDDLE HIGHS

Oct. 18	2:00 p.m.	Movie time with Randy and Shannon
Oct. 25	2:00 p.m.	To be announced
Nov. 2	2:00 p.m.	Scavenger Hunt

YETS:

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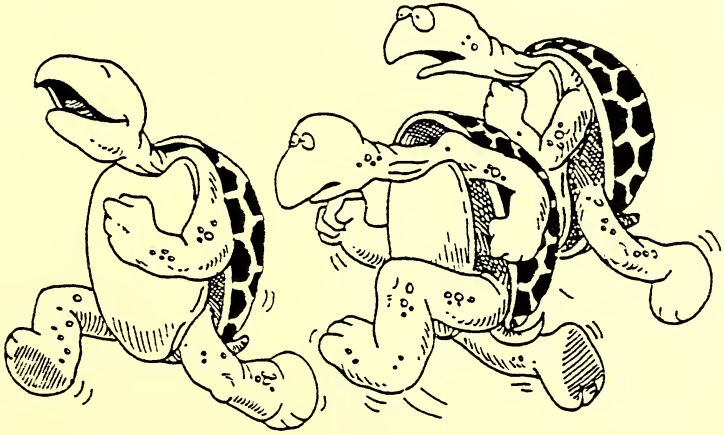

OCTOBER CALENDAR

14	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
15	-	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
16	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
17	-	9:00 a.m.	Eastern NC Association, Shallowford UCC
		7:00 p.m.	Search Committee Reception for Candidate to meet congregation.
18	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Inquirers Class
19	-	10:00 a.m.	Budget Committee
		6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
20	-		COLLEGE BLOOD DRIVE - PARISH HOUSE - ALL DAY
21	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
22	-	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
23	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
25	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:15 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
		2:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Inquirers Class
		8:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee
26	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
27	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Missions
28	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
29	-	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays

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Sunday, November 1 All Saints Day

Holy communion will be celebrated during this All Saints' Day service. Interim pastor Beth Lyon will preach. Scriptures include 2Thess 1: 5-12 and Luke 19:11-10. The Neighbors In Need offering will be received and dedicated.

Sunday, November 8 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

We welcome the Rev. Barry Raker back to the pulpit on this Sunday. Barry is a United Methodist minister, director of United Way of Alamance Co. and a member of the Board of Mission.

Sunday, November 15 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Angelika Koblenz will return to be our guest preacher for this service. Dr. Koblenz is a native of Hamburg, Germany where she studied theology, psychology, and education. Dr. Koblenz has also studied at Duke Divinity School where she received a Master of Divinity degree and did supervisory training in the Clinical Pastoral Education Program and served as a chaplain in Duke University Medical Center. She is a psychotherapist in private practice in Chapel Hill.

Sunday, November 22nd Last Sunday After Pentecost

The Rev. Robin Townsley-Arcus will be our preacher for this service. An offering for Elon Homes for Children will be received.

Wed., Nov. 25, 7 pm Annual Community Thanksgiving Service

We will host the Thanksgiving service for the Elon community again this year. The preacher for the service will be the Rev. Norman Harris of First Baptist of Elon College.

Sunday, November 29 First Sunday in Advent

Dr. Dorcas Lohr of the Southern Conference Staff will be our preacher for this first service of Advent. Dorcas has been Program Associate for Christian Social Ministries. She has recently been named Interim Christian Education staff person for the Conference. Dorcas is also immediate past president of the Women's Fellowship of our church.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

On behalf of the members of the Search Committee I want to express sincere appreciation to all of you who have cooperated with and assisted us during the ten months. You have made our job much easier by being so supportive and helpful and we are all grateful.

To have the congregation vote 100% in support of our recommendation that we call the Rev. Arch Aitcheson as our next pastor was a vote of confidence which we will never forget. We believe that we were divinely led to name him as our choice and your response is very gratifying.

Thank you again for your sincere interest, your full cooperation, and your prayerful support. We are looking forward to some great years as we all work together with our new pastor.

Sincerely yours,

Ray

Ray Covington, Chairman

Until the latter part of January:

Rev. Archie Aitcheson
126 Lake Drive East
Wayne, N. J. 07470

LONG RANGE PLAN

In this issue of the Torch is an insert containing the Long Range Plan which your Church Council approved on October 4, 1992, subject to review and modification by our new pastor.

Dr. Callahan urges churches to set some objectives which can be quickly reached--and you will note that we are well on our way to achieving some of the objectives planned! We have a sense of movement, of confidence in these short-term accomplishments.

Two of our key areas for planning are more difficult and long-term: Pastoral and Lay Visitation and Specific Concrete Missional Objectives.

The Reverend Arch Aitchison, who has been called as our new pastor, is working with his present congregation on Callahan's Keys to an Effective Church. He says he is eager to work with us on our Long Range Plan.

EVERY PART OF OUR CHURCH WILL BE INVOLVED IN WORKING TOWARD THESE OBJECTIVES.

Wally Snyder, Chairman of Committee to Facilitate Long-Range Planning (1992-1994)
Ann Acquilano (1992-1993)
Bill Beyer (1992-1995)
Jimma Causey (1992-1995)
Earl Danieley (1992-1993)
Harvey Hook (1992-1994)
Moderator and Pastor exofficio

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

Neighbors in Need is a multipurpose all-church offering. Each year, many of the program ministries we support through NIN change. But some things don't change. Neighbors in Need projects are always dedicated to helping disadvantaged people in our own country.

One third of our gifts to NIN always goes to the Council for American Indian Ministry. Developing indigenous leadership for our American Indian churches is a top priority. Per-ministerial students and candidates for licensing from Indian communities need financial assistance. In addition, alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs get needed funds.

Another recent focus of Neighbors In Need funds has been the homeless. Grants have been given to local churches and community groups to provide emergency shelter, support service, and non-profit housing for homeless people, as well as advocacy for government action on affordable housing.

Please give generously on November 1. Envelopes will be in the pews or checks can be marked "NIN offering."

ATTENTION! ALL MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND CHURCH OFFICERS

There will be a brief special meeting on Sunday, November 8 immediately after church. It will be short but important. Please make every effort to attend.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Fred Loy, Jr.

4 - Joe Alexander

7 - Betty Shomaker

8 - Kathleen Lankford

9 - Sarah Hemphill

10 - Patricia Woody
Mike Mayse
Crystal Bradley

11 - J. Fred Young

14 - George Edwards
Gregory Causey
Anna Marie Wilkins

15 - Gladys Hughes
Rebecca Lyon

19 - Brian Harper
Sara Dodson

20 - Jackie Matlock
Margaret Smith

21 - Connie Howard
Ola Overton

22 - Lydia Troxler

23 - Edith Shotzberger

27 - Dwight Wall

29 - Nina Matlock

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

1	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		2:00 p.m.	Middle High
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		5:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
2	-	10:30 a.m.	Circle 1
		6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 2
3	-	7:30 p.m.	Circle 3
4	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
5	-	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
6	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
8	-	8:00 a.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
		9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Meeting of Council and all Board Members
		3:30 p.m.	Middle Highs and YETS
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
9	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
11	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
12	-	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
13	-	7:00 p.m.	Special Fridays
		7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

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November Calendar - continued -

15 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 noon	Nominating Committee - Adult S.S. Classroom
	6:15 p.m.	All Youth
	6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
16 -	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
18 -	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
19 -	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
20 -	7:00 p.m.	Youth Lock-In
22 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:15 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
	4:00 p.m.	YETS
	6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
23 -	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
24 -	7:30 p.m.	Board of Missions
25 -	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
	7:00 p.m.	Annual Union Thanksgiving Service
27 -	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
29 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
30 -	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

LONG RANGE PLAN

Approved by Church Council on 10/4/92, subject to review by our new pastor.

I. STRENGTHS TO EXPAND: (Our church is already strong in these three areas but they are such important keys to our future we feel these strengths need to be expanded further.)

A. CORPORATE DYNAMIC WORSHIP

Background: Worship is enriched by frequent participation of lay persons. In order to help lay persons gain confidence, improve their skills as liturgists and acolytes and make the experience more meaningful for participants and congregation alike, the Worship Committee has set three objectives.

OBJECTIVE 1: The Worship Committee in consultation with the pastor, will develop a core group of 20 liturgists to participate regularly in worship - BY MAY 1993.

OBJECTIVE 2: The Worship Committee, in consultation with the pastor, will institute practice sessions, at least annually, for liturgists, acolytes and other lay persons who participate in worship. -- BY MAY 1993.

OBJECTIVE 3: The Worship Committee will develop a system for overseeing the role of acolytes in worship. - BY MAY 1993.

Background: Music is an important part of dynamic worship. Our worship is enhanced when we add varied musical resources to our service. Also, the UCC is planning to publish a new hymnal by 1996.

OBJECTIVE 4: The Music Committee will study the purchase of a new hymnal - WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

OBJECTIVE 5: The Music Committee, in cooperation with the pastor and choir director, will incorporate resources from the college fine arts program and other community groups in worship at least three times per year - BEGINNING IN 1993.

B. STREAMLINED STRUCTURE AND SOLID PARTICIPATORY DECISION MAKING

Background: With the goal that our decisions as a church be wise and thoughtful, that members be given appropriate ways to participate in such decisions, and our structure be such that members are not unduly burdened by work on Boards and committees, the following objective is planned:

OBJECTIVE 1: A Constitutional Revision Committee, appointed by the moderator, will work on revisions to the church constitution - TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL BY OCTOBER, 1992.

C. ADEQUATE PARKING, LAND AND LANDSCAPING

Background: Our total parking capacity (off-street and on-street) does not meet the needs of our church when it is "comfortably filled". According to Callahan's calculations, we should have parking capacity for 200 cars. Our current available capacity is 85 cars. This condition is aggravated during the months when the college is in full operation.

OBJECTIVE 1: The Board of Trustees will investigate the feasibility of increasing the on-site parking to accommodate a total of 200 cars (off-street and on-street) and provide their findings to the Council - BY NOVEMBER 1, 1992.

II. STRENGTHS TO DEVELOP (Our church is relatively weak in these areas but we feel they are essential keys to making our church more effective.)

D. SPECIFIC CONCRETE MISSIONAL OBJECTIVES

Background: "Special Fridays" is a program the Hirsh Fellowship Class started to give families with developmentally handicapped children a free Friday evening. Some of these families may need special help in order to be able to attend church school and worship.

OBJECTIVE 1: The Board of Missions and the Board of Christian Education, in consultation with the leadership of the "Special Fridays" program, will devise a way, such as a buddy system, for developmentally handicapped children, whereby these children and their families could attend church school and worship - BY SEPTEMBER, 1993.

Background: Once a month volunteers from our church stay overnight at the Homeless Shelter. Most churches provide a meal for the homeless on the night their volunteers stay and work. Presently we do not provide a meal.

OBJECTIVE 2: The Board of Missions will implement a program to provide meals once a month at the Homeless Shelter preferably on the night our volunteers stay the night - BEGINNING IN JANUARY, 1993.

Background: We have pledged $5,000 as part of the Second Century Fund toward the construction of a Habitat for Humanity house in Alamance County. All Second Century Funds should be available by fall of 1994. There will be a need to coordinate with other churches to build a house as cost currently exceeds $20,000.

OBJECTIVE 3: The Board of Missions will develop a program to involve volunteers in the completion of a specific Habitat house in coordination with other donor churches --- BY FALL OF 1994.

E. PASTORAL AND LAY VISITATION

Background: The vitality of the congregation is determined, to some extent by the strength of the connections among church members. An important role of ministers and deacons is to maintain strong connections between the church and the community by frequent one-to-one contact with church members and potential church members. The ability of the deacons to function in this role could be enhanced by training. The opportunity for the pastor to serve this role may require that certain administrative tasks be delegated to other staff members or the most appropriate lay person.

OBJECTIVE 1: The Deacons and other volunteers recruited by the Board will institute a Deacons-in-Care system that ensures at least six visits collectively, weekly, to members of the congregation - BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER, 1993.

OBJECTIVE 2: The Deacons (or Board of Evangelism) will set up a training program for members of the Evangelism Committee (Board) and recruited volunteers - BY MARCH, 1993.

OBJECTIVE 3: The Evangelism Committee (Board of Evangelism) and recruited volunteers totaling a nimimum of 18 people, will make 7 visits per week with unchurched members of the community. - BY APRIL, 1993.

OBJECTIVE 4: The pastor will make 15 hours of visits per week to church members and unchurched members of the community. - BY SEPTEMBER, 1993.

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An Evening Prayer
by Mrs. Ruth Hurst

AN EVENING PRAYER

Now I lay me down to sleep
I pray thee Lord my soul to keep
Thy love be with me through the night
And keep me safe till morning light.

Help me to do the things I should
To be to others kind and good
In all I do, or think, or say,
To be more loving every day.

AMEN.

Mrs. Hurst used this prayer with her own children when they were small and thought other parents might like to use it also.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING
Sept 30 1992

	1991 ACTUAL	1992 BUDGET	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE
SOURCES OF INCOME				
Total Pledged Income	121,072.94	125,293.00	81,499.45	82,513.05
Total Special Contributions	7,370.89	6,865.00	4,234.50	3,605.64
Total Loose Offerings	3,552.55	3,500.00	2,518.00	3,052.92
Total Interest Earned	864.04	1,097.00	548.50	314.20
Total Fund Raising	908.46	700.00	420.00	0.00
Total Rental Income	3,506.10	3,200.00	2,243.50	3,788.76
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	686.67	560.00	295.00	304.59
TOTAL REVENUE	137,961.65	141,215.00	91,758.95	93,579.16
EXPENDITURES				
Total Local Mission	5,913.22	6,975.00	4,424.00	6,005.85
Total UCC Ministries	13,641.81	14,935.00	10,979.60	9,170.00
Total World Ministries	2,082.73	2,350.00	2,212.50	1,155.20
Total Other Mission Expense	65.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	21,702.76	24,360.00	17,616.10	16,331.05
Total Worship Services	1,461.11	1,660.00	927.50	1,903.26
Total Evangelism	1,113.88	1,350.00	960.00	274.07
Total Music Programs	10,674.14	11,804.00	8,748.00	8,909.71
TOTAL WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM	13,249.13	14,814.00	10,635.50	11,087.04
Total Program - Christian Ed.	5,867.71	5,805.00	4,512.50	3,808.10
Total Personnel - Christian Ed.	11,761.00	34,230.14	24,574.44	24,879.84
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	17,628.71	40,035.14	29,086.94	28,687.94
Total Building Expense	26,059.36	27,245.00	20,660.50	16,838.62
Total Personnel	6,566.65	6,567.00	4,925.25	3,795.44
Total Operating Expense	2,266.64	2,160.00	1,380.00	1,602.77
TOTAL CHURCH FACILITIES	34,892.65	35,972.00	26,965.75	22,236.83
Total Program	361.53	375.00	187.50	351.57
Total Personnel	49,448.69	28,233.59	24,944.88	22,386.28
Total Operating Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.48
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	49,810.22	28,608.59	25,132.38	22,785.33
TOTAL EXPENSE	137,283.47	143,789.73	109,436.67	101,128.19
EXCESS/(DEF) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	678.18	(2,574.73)	(17,677.72)	(7,549.03)

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO CHURCH CONSTITUTION

The Committee on Constitutional Revisions has studied the present constitution, received numerous recommendations for change, and has agreed to propose the following amendments:

1. Add a Moderator-Elect. This person would be proposed to serve for one year in this position and then to be named Moderator of the Church.

2. Change the membership of the major boards from 12 to 9 members each.

3. Add a Board of Evangelism with 9 members.

4. Change the representation to the Church Council from 3 members from each of the four boards to have 2 representatives from each of the proposed 5 boards with each representative being named for a two-year term thus giving continuity on the Council.

5. Add a Pastoral Relations Committee of 4 persons.

6. Remove the restriction which denies the right to vote and to hold certain offices to our associate members.

Copies of the constitution have been prepared which indicate the proposed deletions (shown in parentheses) and the proposed additions (SHOWN IN CAPITAL LETTERS). Copies will be provided to members of the Council prior to the meeting on November 1. Members who wish to see a copy may obtain one from the church office. Copies will also be available in the narthex on the two Sundays prior to the business meeting at which the amendments will be discussed and voted on.

The Congregation will meet on Sunday, December 6, to consider these revisions.

Marsh McLelland, Chairman
Earl Danieley
Martin Shotzberger
Carole Troxler

TORCHGLEAMS

Please keep in your prayers **Ann Martin** who remains in Alamance Memorial Hospital and **Betty Blanchard** who is recovering at home from some throat surgery.

Major John O Atkins died this month in Kansas City, Mo. after many years as a patient in a Veterans Hospital there. He was the brother of **Carey Andes.**

Congratulations to **Irma Seamster** who is the proud grandmother of Benjamin Bennett Seamster, born September 30 to David and Shelia Seamster of Burlington.

Congratulations also to **George Noah** who was awarded Elon College's outstanding citizen award for the month of October and to **Jane Alexander** who was named Western High's Teacher of the Year.

FOOD OF THE MONTH:

Rice, noodles, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, velveta cheese

YOUR CHURCH YOUTH

This is what YOUR church YOUTH have been up to so far this year. Shannon Albertson has been a great help as a Youth Leader, assisting with the Middle High Youth. Randall Rolston has been aiding the YETS group as a Youth Leader, motivating them to terrific new heights.

Middle Highs and YETS have been meeting once per week, increased from every other week. This has allowed us to expand our programming.

After exploring the travesty of world hunger, both Middle Highs and YETS committed to doing the Burlington CROP Walk. We had more than a dozen of our church YOUTH participate in this fund-raising event.

Last Sunday both groups came together again to team up for a unique Scavenger Hunt. Collected were items ncessary for the Homeless Shelter's operation. Plans are for all the YOUTH to visit the Shelter at 6:30pm Sunday, Novemebr 15. YOU (yes, YOU, reader, You) are requested to accompany your YOUTH. (We also need drivers to take us from the church lot at 6:15pm). Mark your calendar.

Upcoming for the YOUTH are a Hayride and supper at Jeff and Marie Wilkens' on November 8 (3:30 at the church). Middle Highs will have a Lock-In Friday, November 20 (8:00pm).

YETS expect to decide on a work camp project for early summer. YETS had an opportunity to explore their Christian faith on Retreat at Blowing Rock, earlier this month. The weekend was centered around The Christian Story - How we got from Adam and Eve to Jesus, a baby born in a barn.

While our calendar is fast in filling, YOU are invited to schedule a program for us, or simply come with us to any of our events/activities. These are YOUR YOUTH. Our challenge is to make a difference in their lives.

Faithfully,

Rev. Robin Townsley

Items we would gladly add to those already collected for the shelter:

Sample-size toothpaste, shampoo, soap, disposable razors, laundrey detergent, dishwasing liquid, toilet tissue, shaving cream.

Wash cloths, towels, single sheets/blankets, pillows, pillowcases.

Perk Coffee, Instant coffee, 5lb. bags sugar, tea bags, Cremora, Tang, Instant Grits/Oatmeal.

Drop off at Robin's office and kow we thank you for your service!

CROP WALK UPDATE

Thank you!!! I'm so excited to report that our CROP Walk was a wonderful success. Thanks to all of you who walked and all of you who sponsored. It was great to see so many of us pull together for such a worthy cause. One last time - here's a list of walkers and sponsors.

WALKERS

Jamie Brown
David Brown
Meg Wilkins
Lydia Troxler
Heidi Troxler
Christy Vitou
Jennifer Easton
Vega Herold
Elizabeth Mayse
Matthew Mayse
Sarah Hemphill
Rev. Robin Arcus
Randy Rolston
Shannon Albertson

Bill Barbee
Susan Barbee
Dr. Earl Danieley
Dr. Emmett Floyd
Katherine Floyd
Leonard Miller
Ann Acquilano
Marie Acquilano
Rev. Beth Lyon
Al Carpenter
Bridget Basirico
Candance Leuck
Natalie Leuck
Gayland Welborn

Cile Welborn
Zachary Welborn
Claire Welborn

SPONSORS

Sue Brown
Rev. Beth Lyon
Dr. Earl Danieley
Mr. J. L. Dixon
Mrs. Nora Griswold
Mrs. Norma Watson
Mr. Earl Parker
Mr. George Edwards

Dr. and Mrs. Emmett Floyd
Mr. and Mrs. John Ketcham
Mr. and Mrs. Gayland Welborn
Mr. Paul Cheek
Dr. Martin Shotzberger
Mr. E. W. Brafford
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Miller

A big thank you to Robin, Randy, and Shannon for getting so many of our youth involved in the walk.

WALKERS!

Please begin to collect money and turn in to me by November 15th. I'll let you know the total amount collected when all walkers have turned in their sponsor sheets.

Yours in Christ,
Cile Welborn

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

		Greeters	Flowers
Nov.	1	Florance Smith & Goldie Smith	E. Parker
	8	Cary and Jackie Matlock	McLelland
	15	Kevin and Jean Batten	Lankford
	22	Edith Brannock and Ruth Dunn	Schmidt
	29	Martin and Susan Rose	H. Hook

Ushers

Nov. 1 Mike Mayse, Earl Parker, Lohr Dixon, Dee Atkinson, Don Williamson
8 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Stan Willard, Tommy Oakley
15 Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill, Floyd Rich, Karl Washburn
22 Gayland Welborn, Cile Welborn, George Troxler, Sibyl and Willard White.
29 Ed Simons, Jeff Wilkins, Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, Ryan Harris.

Acolytes

Nov. 1 Drew McLelland and Matt Mayse
8 Chris Harris and Scott Williamson
15 Jeff Wilkins and Matthew Woody
22 Chris Causey and Meg Wilkins
29 Elizabeth Mayse and Leigh Ann Batten

Child Care During Worship

Nov. 1 Marie Wilkins and Jamie Brown
8 Jimma Causey and Elizabeth Mayse
15 Karen Worst and Emily Woody
22 Kim Perry and Lydia Troxler
29 Cile Welborn and Amy Rose

Nursery

Nov. 1 Shannon Albertson and Heidi Danieley
8 Shannon Albertson and Carolyn Messick
15 Shannon Albertson and Carey Andes
22 Shannon Albertson and Phyllis Young
29 Shannon Albertson and Mary Louise Boyd

Church Attendance for October

4	-	115	18	-	224
11	-	154	25	-	176

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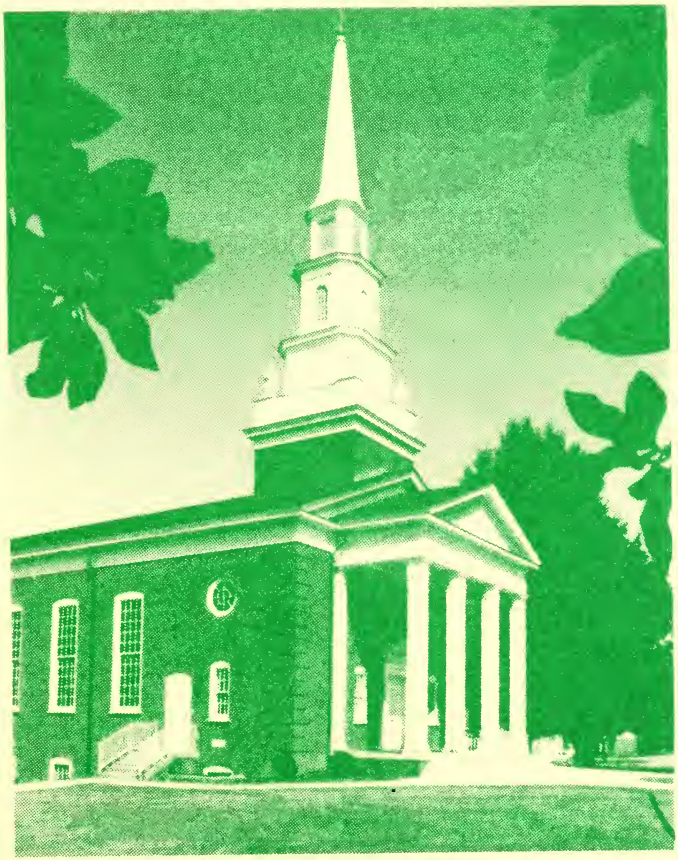

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WHEN THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, November 22nd Last Sunday After Pentecost

The Rev. Robin Townsley-Arcus will be our preacher for this service. An offering for Elon Homes for Children will be received.

Wed., Nov. 25, 7 pm Annual Community Thanksgiving Service

We will host the Thanksgiving service for the Elon community again this year. The preacher for the service will be the Rev. Norman Harris of First Baptist of Elon College.

Sunday, November 29 First Sunday in Advent

Dr. Dorcas Lohr of the Southern Conference Staff will be our preacher for this first service of Advent. Dorcas has been Program Associate for Christian Social Ministries. She has recently been named Interim Christian Education staff person for the Conference. Dorcas is also immediate past president of the Women's Fellowship of our church.

CALLED MEETING OF CONGREGATION -- DECEMBER 6, 1992

One hundred percent of our membership has called the Reverend Arch Aitcheson to be our minister, and he will be with us on February 7th.

We want to prepare well for his first year. In preparation for 1993, we need a Called Meeting of the Congregation which will be combined with a Pot Luck Luncheon immediately after church on December 6, 1992.

AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes of Called Meeting of October 18, 1992.

Approval of Constitutional Amendments (copies of revised constitution and the changes proposed are available in the church office and in the Narthex).

Approval of Nominees for Church Leadership, 1993.

Approval of 1993 Budget, including anticipated income and budgeted expenditures.

Report of Long-Range Planning Goals.

LONG-RANGE CALENDAR UNTIL THE REVEREND AITCHESON COMES

December 6, 1992: Pot luck lunch and Called Meeting of the Congregation.

December 13, 1992: Brief meeting of Church Council immediately after church.

January 3, 1993: Ordination of Deacons and installation of officers, 1993.

January 10, 1993: Beth Lyon's last Sunday with us.

January 17, 1993:)
January 24, 1993:) Interim Sundays: Preparation for Receiving
January 31, 1993:) our new Pastor.

January 31, 1993: In evening. Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Rev. Aitcheson will be with us.

February 1, 1993: Reverend Aitcheson begins his ministry.

February 7, 1993: Reverend Aitcheson preaches.

SECOND CENTURY FUND

We conducted a campaign for the Second Century Fund in the spring of 1991. The overall campaign goal was $124,926. The funds were to be used to provide improvements at the Parish House, to make improvements to our church building (total of $104,176), and to extend our ministry (total $20,750). In addition to the building improvements we established these goals:

The Church Council . . . . . $ 6,000
Employ consultant for long-range planning

The Board of Christian Education 1,500
Special projects planned by the Board

The Board of Deacons 3,250
Evangelism and Children's Choir Robes

The Board of Missions 10,000
Local Habitat house, Mexican Habitat house, World Medical Missions, Caring Program for Children, and Mennonite Missionary Program

We have received $86,714.97 in contributions. We need to receive an additional $38,211 in order to successfully complete the campaign and to fund all of the projects. A substantial amount of this has been pledged. We appreciate your commitment to the objectives of the campaign and will be very grateful to you if you will help us to complete the project.

Walstein W. Snyder, Chairman
Second Century Fund Committee

TORCHGLEAMS

The last few weeks we have had quite a lot of people in the hospital. **Eugene Lankford** is home from Alamance Memorial Hospital after a serious illness. **Greg Causey** is home after a week in the hospital due to some respiratory problems. **Sybil White** had to spend the night in the hospital after she and her husband **Willard** were in a car accident. She is recovering at home from a broken sternum. **Betty Walker** is home from Memorial Hospital after experiencing a serious reaction to some antibotics. Thank God for God's love and care!

Please continue to pray for **Ann Martin** who continues to have trouble with her leg and for Angelika Koblenz's daughter, Sandra. Angelika was to have been our guest preacher on November 15, but Sandra has been hospitalized in Germany with meningitis and Angelika has flown to Germany to be with her.

Please keep **Beth Wilkins** and her family in your prayers. Beth has returned from Minnesota after the death of her father there on November 1.

Please note that Interim Pastor **Beth Lyon** will be on vacation from Sunday afternoon November 15 through Sunday November 22. She will be accompanying her husband, Bob, on a business trip to San Diego and will therefore be unreachable all week. **Robin Townsley-Arcus**, our Parish Associate, will be covering for all emergencies. She can be reached through the church office or at home at 919-683-3013.

ELON UCC YOUTH

Hey, Hey, Thanks to the Wilkins for a great Hay Ride! The Youth had a great time scrunching together on top of the hay bales and and watching the fall sun go down. The hot dogs and fixings were great. (Chances are real good there will be requests for the same next year).

A super big THANKS to all who supported CROP by walking, by donating money, collecting money. You all made it a success!

COMING UP:

YETS

Nov. 22	Sun.	4:00 p.m.	Meet to plan our summer Work Camp Trip. Want to go this Summer? This meeting is a M-U-S-T.
Nov. 19	Sun.		OFF. Happy Thanksgiving!

MIDDLE HIGHS

Nov. 29	Fri.	8:30 p.m.	Lock-In-Parish House. Bring a game, sleeping bag, pillow. Stay overnight til 9:30 a.m. Sat. Fun stuff on the agenda.
Nov. 22	Sun.		No Youth
Nov. 29	Sun.		No Youth. Happy Thanksgiving!

Did your family move when you were young....

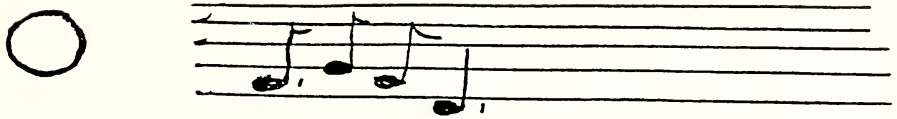
We are in the beginning stages of planning a support group for high school age youth who find themselves in a new situation (school, town, etc.)

If you were ever in these shoes - faced with having to make all new friends - you can appreciate what a support group might do.

Ellie Ketcham, Susan Hemphill and Robin Townsley will be working on this program. We would like others to help.

College students - you know this story. Would you be in on the planning stages of this program? This would look great on a resume!

Interested persons please see Ellie, Susan or Robin. First Meeting will be Wednesday, November 18, 6:00 p.m. (Supper and meeting at the Hemphill's!)



CHRISMONS ARE COMING!

Thanks to Edith Brannock and Sara Dodson, the teachers and chief workers and Ray Covington, Beth Wilkins, Peggy Lackey, Mrs. T. E. Powell, Jr., Melva Foster and Lois Bost who tatted crosses for some of the chrismons and members of Circle 2 and 3 - the helpers - and those of you who donated funds to purchase necessary supplies.

Circle 3 on October 6 and Circle 2 on November 2 met in "Sara's Studio" - at the home of Sara Dodson and Melva Foster - where they participated in making Chrismons - and shared a program by Edith and Sara telling of the history of Chrismons and the significance of the religious symbols.

Ray Coving has "staked out" the tree for the Chrismons. After it is placed in the sanctuary and decorated with all-white lights (given by the Men's Fellowship) there will be a service where our children may place some of the Chrismons on the tree.

Check your TORCH for the date of the Chrismon tree decorating.

The following article appeared in the October 1992 issue of the UNITED CHURCH NEWS. We are reprinting it here in the TORCH for our members.

"Why don't all those welfare bums just go to work? I'm tired of paying their way." Everyone's heard that lament.

But members of Elon College (N.C.) Community UCC know that it's often difficult to get off welfare, in spite of a person's best intentions.

A new church program called "Project Second Step" works directly with people to get them off the welfare roles and into a productive work life. Church member John Ketcham is actively involved.

"Our purpose is to give people a lift as they move in that difficult transitional period from welfare to work," he says.

Ketcham has a reply to those who call welfare recipients "bums".

"Our system has little incentive to leave welfare," says Ketcham. "We're working with one woman who can get a job in a local hospital. But the second year she holds this job, she'll have a $4,000 loss of income compared to when she was on welfare."

The church tries to find resources to supplement the incomes of people as they begin to work. Since their county has no public transportation, the church also has provided cars for four people.

Next, the committee will lobby its senators and representatives, says Ketcham, to change the system which discourages welfare recipients from holding jobs.

Dear Friends of Elon College Community Church;

This fall our annual offering for the Elon Homes for Children will be taken on November 22, 1992. This offering is for the general support of the work at the Elon Homes for Children, and is not connected with the CHIP II offering we completed earlier this year.

The Homes' primary service is to provide care for young people while helping to build self-esteem and a positive additude toward life. This is an on-going program that involves care of these youth for 365 days a year. The trained professionals help to prepare each individual for their lives ahead while establishing a sense of belonging and self worth.

The majority of the funds needed to operate the Home is generated from fund raisers and contributions such as our church's offering. County and government funds do provide a small amount per month, but these funds do not cover all of the expenses necessary to provide for the children's care. That is one reason our offering is so important and needed so much. For every child the Home is providing shelter and utilities, transportation, food, educational materials, recreation, special school projects, and clothing. The offering we will be taking up on November 22, 1992 will definitely help to accomplish so many of their goals.

The Snyder Campus has been working very hard to improve the cottages for the youth that reside there. So much has been done, but so much more is needed to be done. Our offering can help the Home to achieve their goals. Our monies go to the general support fund for on-going programs at the Home, so we can feel good in knowing our offering is being put to good use.

On Sunday, November 22nd, please remember the Home, their on-going work to help the youth who reside there, and the worthwhile work they perform. Then bring your contribution to show your support for the wonderful work the Home is doing and has done for so many years.

Thank you in advance for your generous contributions.

Jimma Causey for the
Board of Missions

A note received from Dr. Martin Shotzberger . . .

Dear Friends,

Warm thanks to so many of you who called, wrote, sent cards and visited during my recent illness. You helped my spirits and my sense of being loved by so many people.

My dear little nurse, Edith joins me in expressing our thanks for your Christian kindness.

With affection,
Martin L. Shotzberger

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A letter received from the American Red Cross . . .

On behalf of the Alamance County Chapter of the American Red Cross, I would like to thank you very much for allowing us to hold a blookmobile in your church on October 20, 1992. The fall months are a very crucial time for blood collections in our county and your community support really helped us in our efforts to meet the needs of our hospitalized patients during this time.

I also appreciate Elon College's support and hard work in organizing and recruiting donors from the community as well as the other church members' support in coming out to donate during the blood drive.

You may be interested in knowing that 170 people presented for a goal of 150 and 17 were deferred for a total of 153 productive units. Since each unit of blood is separated and transfused into an average of four hospitalized patients, the donors at this visit helped save as many as 612 lives!

Again, thank you for letting us hold a blood drive at Elon College Community Church. We really appreciate everyone's cooperation and support and we look forward to working with you again in the future.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Butcher
Program Director

EFODS AND ACCOUTERMENTS

When I first started seminary in Columbia, S.C. at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary a fellow seminarian told me about Efods and Accouterments. I did not know what these were. He explained that they were the fancy frocks clergy dress up in on Sunday mornings. This was said half kiddingly so I was never sure if he was telling the truth. I have not forgotten this expression. In fact I looked it up and it does exist in Exodus where God is giving orders regarding the building of the Ark of Covenant and what one must wear in its presence.

And so it is that your Parish Associate now has her own proper Efods and Accouterments. The generous gift you people provided for me on the occasion of my ordination well covered the expense of a new white clergy robe. While Cokesbury was none to speedy in its delivery, the robe seems worth the wait ... and just in time.

Sunday, November 1, 1992 (All Saints Sunday) brought me back to my formative years as I led worship at Zion UCC in Womelsdorf, PA. Zion was the final church my father served as pastor before he died in 1978 (I was 16 years old). While I had no visions of ministry at that time, the seeds were no doubt planted and nurtured there during those years. How special it was to be invited to participate in their All Saints service where they paid tribute to the former late clergy of that congregation.

So it was that the robe you provided for arrived just in time for All Saints Sunday! Another difficult matter concerned stoles, but by Sunday it too, was worked out by no small measure of miracles. You see my heavy woven stoles are quite nice and certainly stylish but, practically speaking are too bulky and long for me to wear comfortably. Little did I know that waiting for my arrival in my hometown was a set of satin stoles (you might call them the "old standards"). A retired minister from Zion's congregation had dropped them by my mother's, anticipating I might have use for them as he no longer did. That they were there waiting was miracle enough...until I learned these were once my father's! Apparently after my father's death my mother had made these available to other clergy. As the years passed and the stoles used there was never a thought as to where they might end up. So it was that they ended up back in my mother's house, and then into my possession.

EFODS AND ACCOUTERMENTS

You will see me wearing these "dated" satin stoles, wearing them with humble pride. The set contained all four church season colors (red, white, green, purple). Three colors you will see me wear - all but the red. Dad was buried in the red.

With the sum that remains from your gift I would like to purchase a new red (satin) stole. You see, in every way God provides. And miracles do occur! Thank you for helping make one possible!

Rev. Robin Townsley
Parish Associate Minister

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

18	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
19	-	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
20	-	7:00 p.m.	Youth Lock-In
22	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:15 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		6:00 p.m.	Catholic Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
23	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
24	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Missions
25	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
		7:00 p.m.	Annual Union Thanksgiving Service
27	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
29	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		6:00 p.m.	Catholis Campus Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
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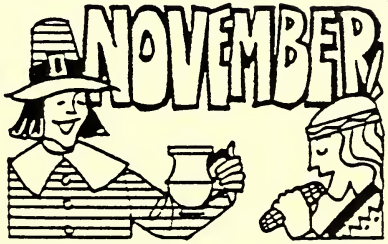

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING
Oct 31 1992

	1991 ACTUAL	1992 BUDGET	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE
SOURCES OF INCOME				
Total Pledged Income	121,072.94	125,293.00	94,022.75	92,067.05
Total Special Contributions	7,370.89	6,865.00	4,970.50	3,815.51
Total Loose Offerings	3,552.55	3,500.00	2,814.00	3,349.79
Total Interest Earned	864.04	1,097.00	548.50	350.12
Total Fund Raising	908.46	700.00	490.00	0.00
Total Rental Income	3,506.10	3,200.00	2,329.50	3,913.76
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	686.67	560.00	295.00	304.59
TOTAL REVENUE	137,961.65	141,215.00	105,470.25	103,800.82
EXPENDITURES				
Total Local Mission	5,913.22	6,975.00	4,720.00	6,637.44
Total UCC Ministries	13,641.81	14,935.00	11,956.40	8,670.00
Total World Ministries	2,082.73	2,350.00	2,212.50	1,155.20
Total Other Mission Expense	65.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	21,702.76	24,360.00	18,988.90	16,462.64
Total Worship Services	1,461.11	1,660.00	1,052.50	2,116.51
Total Evangelism	1,113.88	1,350.00	1,080.00	285.47
Total Music Programs	10,674.14	11,804.00	9,618.32	9,624.88
TOTAL WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM	13,249.13	14,814.00	11,750.82	12,026.86
Total Program - Christian Ed.	5,867.71	5,805.00	4,630.00	4,072.93
Total Personnel - Christian Ed.	11,761.00	34,230.14	27,653.28	26,825.04
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	17,628.71	40,035.14	32,283.28	30,897.97
Total Building Expense	26,059.36	27,245.00	22,604.50	18,811.40
Total Personnel	6,566.65	6,567.00	5,450.61	4,322.95
Total Operating Expense	2,266.64	2,160.00	1,854.00	2,017.24
TOTAL CHURCH FACILITIES	34,892.65	35,972.00	29,909.11	25,151.59
Total Program	361.53	375.00	375.00	351.57
Total Personnel	49,448.69	28,233.59	25,997.27	23,314.53
Total Operating Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.48
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	49,810.22	28,608.59	26,372.27	23,713.58
TOTAL EXPENSE	137,283.47	143,789.73	119,304.38	108,252.64
EXCESS/(DEF) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	678.18	(2,574.73)	(13,834.13)	(4,451.82)

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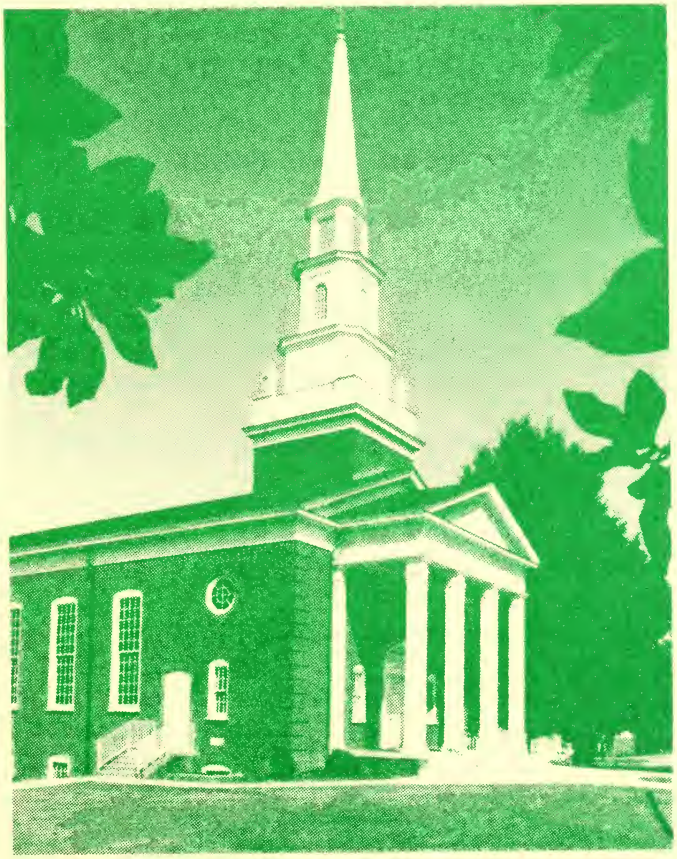

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Looking Ahead . . .

Sunday, December 6, Second Sunday of Advent

At 11:00 AM we will celebrate an adult baptism and receive new members during our morning worship. The Rev. Robin Townsley-Arcus will be the preacher for this service. Our lovely new Christmons will be dedicated. And the bell choir will play.

There will be an **important congregational meeting** and potluck lunch immediately following the service. We will be voting on the budget, the nominating committee's slate of board members and church officers, and on proposed contitutional amendments. We will also hear a report from the Long Range Planning committee. Child care will be provided during the business portion of the meeting.

Moravian Love Feast **7:30 pm**

That same evening the college will celebrate the annual Moravian Love Feast in our sanctuary. Our bell and childrens' choirs will perform the music. This is a special service which has candles, carols and an unusual addition (for the non-Moravians), coffee and a bun. Don't miss it.

Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent

Morning worship will center around a special Christmas musical presentation by our adult and childrens' choirs. There will be no sermon.

Christmas carolling will take place this evening at 6:30 p.m. We will need all available voices, young and old in order to reach many of our shut-in and senior members. Everyone is asked to bring a plate of cookies or other desert for refreshments to follow the carolling.

Sunday, December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Interim pastor Beth Lyon will be the preacher for this service. The Veterans of the Cross offering will be received.

At 7 pm on this evening we will have a **Christmas Program** in which the Christmas story will be told through the Christmons (decorations for the tree made in the form of Christian symbols) which many of our members have been making through out this past year. The program includes readings and carols used as the Christmons are hung on the tree.

Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve 7 PM

This will be a family oriented service with candlelight and carols, a brief Christmas meditation by the Interim Pastor and a simple altar communion.

TORCHGLEAMS

Our church family has suffered a number of losses in the past few weeks. **Ann Martin** died Sunday, November 22nd at the Presbyterian Home at Hawfields after some months of illness. The funeral was Wednesday, November 25th. **Evelyn Terrell**'s step-son, Col. William Terrell, Jr., died Nov. 18th in Texas after a long illness. Mrs. Lorena Wall, step-mother of **Dwight Wall** died on Nov. 8 in Wendell, N.C.

Paul Reddish has returned home from Alamance Memorial, but continues to be very ill. Please keep him and his wife **Nancy** in your prayers. **Roland Longest** is home after a stay in Alamance County Hospital. **Pearl McLelland** is recovering from some orthoscopic surgery on her knee.

POINSETTIAS!!!!

This year, we would like to offer you the opportunity to place honorary or memorial poinsettias in our sanctuary to help decorate it for the holiday season.

The plants will be placed in the sanctuary by December 13 and will remain there through December 26. After December 26, you may pick up your plants to distribute as you wish. The price will be $5.50 per plant.

Please use the attached form to order the number of plants you would like. All orders should be mailed or brought to the church office by December 9. Please make checks payable to Elon College Community Church. If you have questions or need further information, please contact Marie Wilkins (538-0888).

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_____ would like
(your name)
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sanctuary decoration.

IN HONOR OF:	IN MEMORY OF:
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____
5. _____	5. _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED ($5.50 per plant):_____

BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS
October 1, 1992 - November 30, 1992

Mr. Howard C. Miller
Mrs. Kenneth K. Hughes
Mrs. Lois M. Bost
Mrs. Gladys O. Hughes
Miss Melva Foster
Mrs. W. B. Terrell, Sr.
Lt. Col. and Mrs. Dariel Burchfield

Mrs. Martha Harward
Miss Madge Brannock
Miss Edith Brannock

Mr. Leroy S. Hughes
Miss Madge Brannock
Miss Edith Brannock

Dr. and Mrs. N. F. Brannock
Miss Madge Brannock
Miss Edith Brannock

Mr. Robert Currin
Mrs. W. B. Terrell, Sr.

Mrs. Alex Wall
Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lankford
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Jeffreys

Mr. C. H. Miller
Mrs. W. B. Terrell, Sr.

Major John O. Atkins
Mrs. W. B. Terrell, Sr.

Col. William B. Terrell, Jr.
Adult Sunday School Class

IN HONOR OF
Miss Edith Brannock
Dr. and Mrs. J. Earl Danieley

Lois M. Bost,
Building Fund Treasurer
November 30, 1992

OTHER MEMORIALS

SECOND CENTURY MEMORIALS

Mrs. Ann Martin
Dr. and Mrs. J. Earl Danieley
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oxford

Mr. Howard C. Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oxford

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MEMORIALS

Mrs. Ann Martin
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pendergrass
Mrs. Lois Bost
Mrs. Leroy Hughes,
David and Charlotte
Elon College Book Club
Elon College Bridge Club

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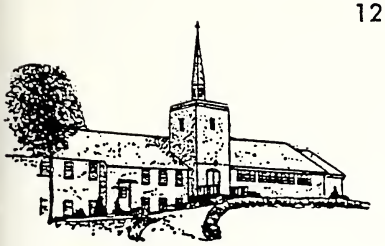
120 Lake Drive East, Wayne, New Jersey 07470
(201) 694-0608



November 9, 1992

Eleanor Ketcham
Moderator and Chair of the Church Council
Elon College Community Church
Post Office Box 625
Elon College, North Carolina 27244

Dear Mrs. Ketcham:

It is with great joy and honor that I accept the Call of the Elon College Community Church to become your pastor. The Official terms of that Call received on November 6, 1992 have been read and reviewed. My signature has been added and the documents have been forwarded to The Reverend Yvonne Beasley at the Southern Conference.

The acceptance of the Call follows a deeper, spiritual sense of call. God has led me through Christ in the years of ministry. The needs, challenges and opportunities of ministry in Elon College have been put before me. Prayer and commitment to ministry will lead us all as pastor and congregation.

I look forward to being there with all of the "ministers" in Christ at Elon. We have much to do together to accomplish the priorities and missions of Christ's church. Together we will be able to share the "cost and joy of discipleship".

Liz, Joy and I are counting the days as we say our goodbyes in Wayne and begin the move to Elon College.

Blessings to all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

Yours in Christ,

Archie B. Aitcheson

ACCEPTANCE OF CALL

I hereby accept the Call to become Pastor of Elon College Community Church under the arrangements stated in the Call and will be faithful to my pastorate with you under the Lord's commands.

I will begin my service with you as your pastor on February 1, 1993.

Archie Dean Stitch
signature

11/7/92
date

Yvonne Beasley
signature of associate conference minister

11/10/92
date

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

P.O. Box 625 • Elon College, NC 27244 • 919/584-0391 or -8147
Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr., Senior Pastor; the Rev. Beth G. Lyon, Associate Pastor
Serving Christ in the Elon Community since 1891

November 2, 1992

Reverend Archie Aitcheson:
126 Lake Drive East
Wayne, N.J. 07470

Dear Reverend Aitcheson:

At a called meeting of the members of Elon College Community Church on Sunday, October 18, 1992, the congregation unanimously voted to extend to you a Call to become our pastor. Our church council has reviewed and approved the following arrangements as conditions of the Call.

1. An annual cash salary of $25,000, a housing allowance of $8,400 and a utilities allowance of $1,750. These amounts will be paid monthly in equal installments. You will treat yourself as self-employed under IRS regulations and, as a consequence, will be personally responsible for social security payments.

2. We will also, at your direction, make payments to cover an annuity, life insurance, health insurance. These payments will not exceed $9,769 annually.

3. We will also, at your direction, pay up to $550 annually for books, educational materials and educational expense. We will also reimburse you for church travel expense at the rate of 28 cents a mile.

4. You will receive four weeks vacation with pay each year. You may, at your discretion, use one of these weeks for mission work.

5. After five years, you will be entitled to three months sabbatical leave, the details of which will be worked out with Council.

6. The congregation pledges to you its support and prayers as we continue together in the ministry of Elon College Community Church. We are all excited that you and your family will be joining our church family.

All of the aforementioned arrangements will be reviewed annually by the church council.

It is further understood that this pastoral relationship may be terminated by either the pastor or the church by giving 60 days notice.

If this Call is agreeable to you, please sign the "Acceptance of Call" which is attached. Sign three copies and send all three of them to Yvonne Beazley, Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, 217 N. Main Street, Graham, NC, 27253. She will sign and forward one copy to us and one back to you.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Ketcham

Eleanor Ketcham, Moderator and
Chairman of church council

DECEMBER CALENDAR

1	-	7:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Missions
2	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
3	-	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
4	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
6	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Luncheon and Congregational Meeting in Parish House
		4:30 p.m.	Executive Board of Women's Fellowship
		7:30 p.m.	Moravian Love Feast
		7:30 p.m.	YETS and Middle Highs
7	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Quarterly Meeting
9	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
10	-	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
11	-	6:30 p.m.	Special Fridays
		7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
12	-	10:00 a.m.	All Choirs Rehearsal
13	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		6:30 p.m.	Caroling
14	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts

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DECEMBER CALENDAR - continued -

16	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
18	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
20	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		2:00 p.m.	Middle High Advent Party
		4:00 p.m.	YETS Advent Party
		7:00 p.m.	Chrismon Program
23	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
24	-	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
25	-		CHRISTMAS DAY
27	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
30	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous

CHOIR NEWS

Following is the schedule for the Children's Choirs for the Christmas season: Sunday night, December 6, the Junior Choir will sing for the Moravian Love Feast at 7:30 p.m. They do not need to get to the church until 7:30 and may sit with parents. Both the Children's Choir and Junior Choir will combine with the Senior Choir for a Christmas musical entitled "An Old-Fashioned Christmas" on Sunday morning, December 13, at the 11:00 service. There will be a combined rehearsal of ALL choirs at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 12. This will be a straight run-through and the children may leave following their part. I would like the Children's Choir to sit as a group on December 13. It would be helpful to have several mothers with them. After they sing they may sit with their parents. The Junior Choir will meet in the choir room by 10:40 on December 13. There will be NO TERRIFIC THURSDAYS after December 10 until January 7.

The Senior Bell Choir will play for Morning Worship on Sunday, December 6. They will also play for the Moravian Love Feast the same Sunday night at 7:30 p.m.

Betty Walker

I would like to thank the church family for your many cards, visits, food, prayers during my recent illness. I am slowly regaining my strength, and am very goad to return to work.

Betty Walker

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Paul Cheek
Phyllis Young

3 - Helene Ellis

4 - Jim Griswold
William Gabriel

7 - Sherleen Smith Corne
Keith Lyon

8 - Jane Young
Jean Simons

10 - Warren Jeffreys
Marie Wilkins

11 - Jane Danieley Shutt
Keith Fogleman

12 - Wes Reynolds

15 - Billy Beyer

17 - Gladys Smith

18 - Beverly Oxford

22 - Robert Danieley

23 - Corinna Hope Martin
Miranda Jo Rich
Chris Harris

26 - Charles Wilkins

28 - Jeffrey Shumar
Elizabeth Mayse

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

The Women's Fellowship Executive Board will meet Sunday, December 6th at 4:30 p.m. at the church.

The Women's Fellowship quarterly meeting will be held Monday, December 7th at 7:30 p.m. in the Choral Center. The Rev. Peter Schmidt, pastor from Germany will be our speaker. Please bring food for the food closet. In December we sponsor several families for Christmas Cheer, so contributions to Friendly Service offering will be appreciated.

Thank you,

Beth Wilkins, Chair

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NOTICE!

If your group or organization has food items stored in the Parish House refrigerator, please arrange to move them before Friday, December 4. The Women's Fellowship Kitchen Committee will be working that morning, cleaning the refrigerator and the kitchen.

Our church will be having a luncheon and congregational meeting immediately after the eleven o'clock service on Sunday, Dec. 6. We will need all of the refrigerator space for that day.

Suggestion: When you use the kitchen, please dispose of all food items "leftovers". Don't assume "somebody" will find them helpful later.

Verona Danieley

YOUTH NEWS

Up and coming with Elon UCC Youth:

YETS:

Dec. 6	10:30/12:00 noon	Sell Christmas Cards at Church
	7:30 p.m.	Moravian Love Feast at Church (Meeting to follow (?)
Dec. 13	6:30 p.m.	Caroling
	8:45 p.m.	Gathering with refreshments
Dec. 20	4:00 p.m.	Advent Party

MIDDLE HIGHS:

Dec. 6	7:30-8:45 p.m.	Moravian Love Feast at Church
Dec. 13	6:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m.	Caroling and Gathering with refreshments.
Dec. 20	2:00 p.m.	Advent Party

CONGRATULATIONS!

Winners of the CROP Sponsor Contest are Jamie Brown and Meg Wilkins. Both Jamie and Meg achieved a high enough number/ points for CROP sponsor that they won top prizes. Each youth received gift certificates for Pizza Hut, the movies and Record Town. Thank you Jamie and Meg and thank you all for your participation!

(This is last notice for anyone with CROP money outstanding - please turn it in to Cile Welborn of Robin Townsley by Dec. 6).

BRUNSWICK STEW SALE
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
DEC.4 & 5,1992.

THE ELON COLLEGE EXCHANGE CLUB WILL OFFER ITS POPULAR BRUNSWICK STEW FOR SALE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4,STARTING AT 11:30 A.M. TO DUSK, AT IT'S TENT LOCATED OPPOSITE THE FIRE STATION AND AT THE EXCHANGE CLUB ON ROUTE 100.

THE SALE WILL CONTINUE ON SATURDAY, DEC. 5TH, FROM 8:30 A.M. TO SELL-OUT.

THE STEW SELLS FOR $3.50 PER QUART AND MAY BE FROZEN FOR FUTURE USE.

BECAUSE OF ITS WELL-KNOWN QUALITY, THE SUPPLY IS FREQUENTLY SOLD OUT ON FRIDAY, SO AN EARLY PURCHASE IS RECOMMENDED.

YOU MAY PRE-ORDER FROM MEMBERS OF THE EXCHANGE CLUB TO ARRANGE FOR HOME DDLIVERY.

PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE HELP SUPPORT VARIOUS COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE BOY SCOUTS; PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS AND ASSIST IN CHARITABLE CAUSES.

SHOW CONSIDERATION FOR THE COOK--

BUY BRUNSWICK STEW !

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Flowers
Dec. 6	Warren and Virginia Jeffreys	W. White
13	Bill and Jackie Pendergrass	W. Pendergrass
20	E. W. and Doris Brafford	E. W. Brafford
27	Charles and Gertrude Liscum	M. Foster & S. Dodson

Christmas Wreathes: Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell III

Ushers

Dec. 6 Mike Mayse, Earl Parker, Lohr Dixon, Dee Atkinson, Don Williamson
13 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Stan Willard, Tommy Oakley
20 Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill, Floyd Rich, Karl Washburn
27 Gayland Welborn, Cile Welborn, George Troxler, Sibyl and Willard White.

Acolytes

Dec. 6 Tara McKenna and Marie Acquilano
13 Lydia Troxler and Sarah Hemphill
20 Kim Acquilano and Natalie Leuck
27 Drew McLelland and Matt Mayse

Child Care During Worship

Dec. 6 Sue Brown and Tara McKenna
13 Heidi Danieley and Marie Acquilano
20 Marie Wilkins and Jamie Brown
27 Karen Worst and Elizabeth Mayse

Nursery

Dec. 6 Shannon Albertson and Estelle Willard
13 Shannon Albertson and Susan Barbee
20 Shannon Albertson and Lou Harper
27 Shannon Albertson and Sue Brown

Church Attendance for November

1	-	160	22	-	145
8	-	158	29	-	155
15	-	162			

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Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon,
Interim Pastor
Rev. Robin Townsley-Arcus,
Parish Associate
Dr. William J. Andes and
Dr. Alfred W. Hurst,
Pastors Emeriti

THE TORCH

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Looking Ahead . . .

Sunday, January 3, Second Sunday of Christmastide

Communion will be celebrated, new deacons will be ordained, and new board members and church officers will be installed. Beth Lyon will give the meditation. All boards will meet for brief organizational meetings immediately following the service.

Sunday, January 10, First Sunday after Epiphany.

This will be Interim Pastor Beth Lyon's final service. She will be preaching and the children's choir will sing.

Sunday, January 17, Second Sunday after Epiphany

We welcome back to our pulpit the Rev. W. Jo Watson, chaplain to the Black Interdenominational Students Association at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She will be sharing some thoughts with us appropriate to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Sunday, January 24, Third Sunday after Epiphany

The Rev. Robin Townsley-Arcus, Parish Associate, will be the preacher for this service.

Sunday, January 31, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Mark your calendars for our annual pot-luck dinner and annual meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m in the Parish House.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 1993

PLAN TO BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH FOR A POT-LUCK IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SERVICE. WE HAVE PLANNED A GOOD-BYE PROGRAM FOR THE REV. BETH LYON, MODERATED BY KEN HARPER.

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NOTICE OF MEETING - There will be a meeting of all New Boards on Sunday, January 3, 1993 immediately after the morning worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to accept or select chairmen of the boards; elect council representatives (other than chairman); choose someone for the personnel committee (if possible someone with personnel experience; set meeting dates for the '93 year.

The Trustees will meet in the Adult Bible Classroom. The Mission Board will meet in the Youth Room. The Board of Christian Education in the Seekers Classroom. The Deacons in the Church Library. The Evangelism Board in the Hurst Fellowship Classroom.

TORCHGLEAMS

Please keep in your prayers **Nancy Reddish** wife of **Paul Reddish** who died on December 18, **Elna Huey** who is in Alamance County Hospital, **Junior Bare** who continues to recover at home from some respitory problems, and **Cary Andes** who has been ill.

Congratulations to **Juanita and Howard Loy** who recently celebrated their 60th wedding aniversary, to **Bill Beyer, Jr.** who graduated in December from North Carolina State University cum laude, with a B.S. degree in chemistry, and to **Brian Rose**, who received a 4.0 average his first semester at Elon.

JANUARY CALENDAR

3	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Meetings of all Boards
4	-	10:30 a.m.	Circle 1
		6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 2
5	-	7:30 p.m.	Circle 3
6	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
7	-	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
8	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
10	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Pot Luck Luncheon in honor or Beth Lyon
11	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
13	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
14	-	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
15	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
17	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		3:00 p.m.	YETS
		5:00 p.m.	YETS and Middle Highs Spaghetti Supper
18	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts

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JANUARY CALENDAR - continued -

20	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
21	-	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
22	-	7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
24	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		2:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
25	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
27	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
28	-	3:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		6:30 p.m.	Burlington Area Men's Fellowship
29	-	7:30 p.m.	Youth Talent Night
			All Church invited - Hosted by YETS.
		7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
31	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		2:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		6:30 p.m.	Annual Meeting of the Congregation

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 - J. C. Dollar
Elizabeth Parker

3 - Dorothy Clem
Janet Mayse

4 - Elizabeth Raker
Betty Reynolds

6 - Hilda Oxford
John Truitt, Jr.

8 - E. W. Brafford

10 - Emily Oxford
Martin Shotzberger

11 - Brian Rose

13 - Verona Danieley

15 - Richard Daniel

16 - Bonnie Kirk

20 - Jessie Hook
Eleanore Kittenger
Jennifer Poole

21 - J. Mark McAdams
Susan Barbee

22 - Bert Barbee

24 - Nicole Williamson

25 - Jennifer Timblin

26 - Page Edgerton

29 - Jamie Brown

30 - Clara Noah

31 - Jim Underhill

ELON YOUTH

Lots for us to do in 1993. If you haven't received your calendar of activities, ask (or call) Robin. Guaranteed fun and excitement.

YETS:

Jan. 9	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Decorate Parish House for Sun. Worship
Jan. 10	11:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Final Service for Beth Lyon Party in Parish House to follow.
Jan. 17	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Talent Night Planning
	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Spaghetti Supper given for all Youth
Jan. 24	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Movie/Discussion Final Plans for Talent Night
Jan. 29	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.	(Friday) Talent Night Host Event
Jan. 31	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Set Up/Tear Down Plan Valentine's Dinner

MIDDLE HIGHS:

Jan. 9	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Decorate Parish House for Sunday
Jan. 10	11:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Final Worship for Beth Lyon. Party in Parish House to follow.
Jan. 17	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Spaghetti Supper given for all Youth.
Jan. 24	2:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Yet to be determined.
Jan. 31	2:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Yet to be determined.

SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF EASTERN EUROPE

(December 28 - January 8)

As you read this my husband and I are with the Duke University Choir and Chorale as they are touring Eastern Europe.

Nearly a year ago the chapel music office at Duke determined they would tour over this Christmas holiday break. The question was: where to go. The first choice was England - cathedrals, beautiful country, no language problems. But that idea failed as a new one emerged - we could go to Spain! It seemed like everyone wanted to be in Spain - The Olympics were there, the World's Fair, why not us? Well, some technical problems prevented that, so when my husband came home three months ago and told me we'd be going to Poland and Czechoslovakia I didn't put much stock in his announcement.

So it seems that is where we are going! And now that it is here - what an opportunity! I've been attempting to make church and religious contacts for while we're there. The Catholic Church is very strong in Poland, and Czechoslovakia is said to have some promising stories of growing religious groups. I will act as a representative of the Elon College Community Church and bring them greetings from you.

The Duke Choir and Chorale will be performing in locations like Prague, Warsaw and Krakow. They'll sing at masses in cathedrals, in small churches and the Academy of Music.

Whatever we find on this adventure we hope to share with you upon our return.

Blessings and peace,

Robin

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Flowers
Jan. 3	George and Venita Edwards	Dr. and Mrs. Emmett Floyd
10	Mike and Janet Mayse	Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blanchard
17	John and Beth Schmidt	Mr. and Mrs. Jim Starr
24	Monty and Jimma Causey	Mrs. Mary Shaw Cunningham
31	Bret and Kay Hensley	Mrs. Josie Huey

Ushers

Jan. 3 Mike Mayse, Earl Parker, Lohr Dixon, Dee Atkinson, Don Williamso

10 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Stan Willard, Tommy Oakley

17 Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill, Floyd Rich, Karl Washbu

24 Gayland Welborn, Cile Welborn, George Troxler, Sibyl and Willard White.

31 Ed Simons, Jeff Wilkins, Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, Ryan Harris.

Acolytes

Jan. 3 Chris Harris and Scott Williamson
10 Jeff Wilkins and Matthew Woody
17 Chris Causey and Meg Wilkins
24 Elizabeth Mayse and Leigh Ann Batten
31 Tara McKenna and Marie Acquilano

Child Care During Worship

Jan. 3 Cile Welborn and Emily Woody
10 Kim Perry and Lydia Troxler
17 Jimma Causey and Tara McKenna
24 Heidi Danieley and Amy Rose
31 Karen Worst and Marie Acquilano

Nursery

Jan. 3 Shannon Albertson and Patricia Woody
10 Shannon Albertson and Kathryn Floyd
17 Shannon Albertson and Vera Dixon
24 Shannon Albertson and Helene Ellis
31 Shannon Albertson and Susan Rose

Church Attendance for December

6	-	201	20	-	126
13	-	196	27	-	120

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